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**WEMBLEY HERE
WE COME!**
Spotlight on the
incredible cup
exploits of battling
Burnley... and
their contrasting
fortunes in the
League.

BURNLEY striker Billy Hamilton goes into Milk Cup Semi-Final action against Liverpool next week declaring: "We've already beaten the best side."

Full of confidence following the 4-1 drubbing of Spurs at White Hart Lane in the last round, the struggling Second Division side fear no one... not even the League Champions!

Billy says: "Spurs are the best cup side in the country and we beat them... so why not Liverpool?"

And if Burnley do go all the way to Wembley, the Irish international believes it will compare with Northern Ireland's historic exploits in the World Cup.

A member of Northern Ireland's giant-killing team, Billy says: "If we beat Liverpool it would be as good as anything we achieved in Spain... and probably better."

Burnley's Milk Cup exploits began with victories over Bury and Middlesbrough in the first two rounds.

And then came their first giant-killing act with the 2-1 win at Coventry City — currently in the top six in Division One.

But that was a game Billy had to miss through suspension having been sent off in the Second Round tie at Middlesbrough.

"I stayed at home and listened to it on the radio. It was agony," recalls Billy. "It was awful missing out on such a great win, but it taught me a lesson."

The young Irish forward was back for the following tie against Birmingham at Turf Moor and played a major part in the 3-2 win.

But when the draw for the Quarter-Finals was made and Burnley had to travel to White Hart Lane to play Spurs it seemed as though their valiant cup run would come to an end.

"That was the hardest draw we could have had," says Billy. "Spurs have been the most consistent cup side over the last three years and we were under no illusions about the difficulty of the task facing us."

"But we were going there as underdogs and that took the pressure off because no one expected us to win."

But win they did, and in great style with four second half goals.

After a goalless first half Spurs took the lead within a minute of the restart and Burnley's chances of cup glory seemed to be fading.

But with two goals from Billy and, amazingly, two own goals from Spurs defender Graham Roberts, they pulled off a memorable victory in front of a stunned White Hart Lane crowd.

FIGHTING TALK BURNLEY

"It was a great team performance and we deserved to win on the night," says Billy, whose second goal (Burnley's fourth) on the final whistle was the icing on the cake.

"Some people said we were lucky because they scored two own goals, but in the cup you need a little luck and we took advantage of it."

Now Billy is hoping for a repeat of the giant-killing performance against Liverpool to give the club an extra boost in the fight against relegation.

"If we can hold Liverpool to one goal, or even a draw at Anfield we are in with a chance," he says. "And if we then show the commitment and spirit we showed against Spurs anything can happen."

Incredibly, Burnley's preparations for the vital Quarter-Final tie against Tottenham were turned upside down just 24 hours before the tie.

Already rank outsiders against the cup kings of London, the players were stunned into silence when they heard that popular manager Brian Miller had been relieved of his duties.

And that left first team trainer Frank Casper — a former Turf Moor favourite in his playing days — to pick up the pieces.

"There's no doubt that the news unsettled the players, but they responded magnificently," says Frank, who was given charge of the team for the game.

"The players here are good professionals — they have to be, otherwise they wouldn't be at the club — and they went out against Tottenham in just the right frame of mind."

"I enlisted the help of the senior players in the side and they helped calm the youngsters."

"Players like skipper Martin Dobson, Brian Flynn and Willie Donachie have seen managers relieved of their duties before, so their experience was invaluable," says Frank.

Burnley's exploits in the Milk Cup are in sharp contrast to their League form.

After being promoted last season as Third Division Champions, the club has struggled to adapt and is fighting a battle against relegation.

"We've been unlucky in the League this season. We have played well and still lost games. It gets to a player's confidence when they realise they are not getting their proper reward."

"We were beaten by a doubtful refereeing decision against Fulham, lost a two goal lead at QPR and were beaten by Leicester after goalkeeper Alan Stevenson had been sent off. The luck just hasn't been going our way."

"The Milk Cup has been a great tonic for the players. It's been like a release valve for them. The pressure has been off and they've been able to go out and enjoy themselves."

"In the Second Division we're fighting a desperate battle against relegation and the players are under constant pressure to pick up points."

"My first aim is for Burnley to avoid the drop, but I believe our run in the Cup could help us."

There was no cup hangover for the Lancashire side after their resounding victory over Spurs. Three days later they put three past Barnsley.

"I had no problem getting the players in the right frame of mind for the Barnsley game. I just told them to go out and do what they'd done to Tottenham."

"Even though we've been having a hard time in the League the town is buzzing. Everyone wants to talk about our cup exploits."

Frank admits that Burnley face another 'Everest' in the Semi-Final when they take on League Champions Liverpool over two legs. He says: "Although Manchester United and Arsenal would have been difficult there's no doubt Liverpool are the team we wanted to avoid."

"But the match will be great experience for the younger players in the side. It will give them a taste of what First Division football is like."

"It's always going to be difficult for a team struggling at the bottom of the Second Division to beat a side from the top flight. We're under no illusions whatsoever. Liverpool are difficult enough to beat in one game let alone two."



Former Leeds skipper Brian Flynn — "It's strange to think we are just two matches away from Wembley."

FROM BATTLERS WE'VE BEATEN THE BEST ... NOW FOR LIVERPOOL

"No-one gives us a chance in the Semi-Final, but everyone said the same thing before we went to Spurs."

Welsh international midfielder Brian Flynn, who rejoined the club from Leeds earlier this season, says of the draw: "We face a tremendously difficult job against Liverpool. Everyone knows what a great team they are."

"It's strange to think that we're just two matches away from Wembley. It's the nearest many of the players in the side have been or are likely to get."

Brian admits that he was shocked when he heard the news that the manager had been relieved of team duties and he says: "It was the manager I've got to thank for bringing me back to Turf Moor."

"We all liked Brian, but it was a matter of putting him to the back of our minds and concentrating on the game against Tottenham."

"It was an incredible night at White Hart Lane. The atmosphere was terrific. All the players were geed up and everyone ran and fought for each other."

"It was sheer grit and determination that got us through in the end," says Brian who started his career at Burnley before moving to Elland Road in October 1977.

"I'm thoroughly enjoying life back at Burnley even though we haven't been having a good time in the Second Division," says Brian. "Although most of the players

have changed since I was last here it's still the same friendly club that I left."

"The main thing on our minds at the moment is avoiding relegation and I believe we can do it. Apart from three teams — Wolves, Fulham and Leeds — the standard of all the others is about the same."

"The luck has eluded us this season. If it was to start going our way I'm sure we'd rise up the table."

HOW THEY GOT THERE

First Round (first leg)

BURY 3
BURNLEY 5 (Scott, Wharton, Steven, McGhee and Phelan).

First Round (second leg)

BURNLEY 3 (Lewis, pen, Hamilton, own goal).
BURY 1

Second Round (first leg)

BURNLEY 3 (Hamilton, Phelan, Young).
MIDDLESBRO' 2

Second Round (second leg)

MIDDLESBRO' 1
BURNLEY 1 (Lewis, pen).

Third Round

COVENTRY 1
BURNLEY 2 (McGee 2).

Fourth Round

BURNLEY 3 (McGee, Taylor, own goal).
BIRMINGHAM 2

Quarter-Final

TOTTENHAM 1
BURNLEY 4 (Hamilton 2, two own goals).

Right: Billy Hamilton in celebration mood — "If we beat Liverpool it will rank alongside Northern Ireland's achievements in Spain."



KEVIN TAYLOR SHEFFIELD WED

Lost 1-0 to Arsenal at Highbury in the Quarter-Finals . . .

‘ARSENAL didn’t impress me when they played us and I can’t see them beating Manchester United.

We were unlucky to lose 1-0 to them in the last round. It was a lucky goal by Tony Woodcock after a silly mistake in defence.

Arsenal have some good players — I’ve always admired David O’Leary, Kenny Sansom and Graham Rix — but they just haven’t been putting it together this season.

I can’t see Arsenal getting beaten at Highbury because they are so strong at home, but I can see United settling the tie in the second leg at Old Trafford.

For me, the form of Remi Moses has been one of the reasons for United’s good form of late. Since



taking over from Ray Wilkins he’s added aggression to the midfield.

Although he doesn’t score goals as often as he should, he’s always keen to get into the box and have a shot.

Along with Arnold Muhren and Bryan Robson, United must have the most complete midfield in the country and I’m sure it will prove too strong for Arsenal over two legs. 9

ANDY KING EVERTON

Lost 3-0 to Arsenal at Highbury in a Third Round replay (after a 1-1 draw at Goodison) . . .

‘WE should have knocked Arsenal out ourselves to be honest and I believe their luck will run out against Manchester United.

But I won’t be thanked for that prediction at Old Trafford because whatever I say, the opposite usually happens!

Seriously though, Arsenal’s form hasn’t been too clever, even at home, and they appear to lack confidence.

The form of United meanwhile appears to be picking up and I believe they have the better side — on paper and on the pitch.

Arsenal have the players, but they haven’t been producing the goods this season.

I spoke to Sheffield Wednesday’s Mike Lyons after their 1-0 defeat at Highbury in the last round and he felt they were

unlucky not to get a draw and take Arsenal back to Hillsborough.

Manchester United have the advantage of playing the second leg at home and of course they’ll have a fabulous crowd behind them at Old Trafford.

One of the biggest differences between the two sides at present is that United have more scoring options open to them — players like Steve Coppell, Bryan Robson and Arnold Muhren are just as likely to hit the net as the two main strikers.

Even centre-half Gordon McQueen got in on the act with two goals against Nottingham Forest in the last round.

I think it will be close because it’s a Semi-Final, but this is one of the most important games United have had for a long time and I don’t think they’ll let it slip.

United skipper Bryan Robson has everything as a player and he’ll obviously be a key man, but it’s a big game for Frank Stapleton too.

He’ll have the extra incentive of playing against his old team-mates. He’s an excellent player in my book and too experienced to freeze on the night. 9

WEMBLEY waits . . . but for whom?

‘Match’ has been asking some of the stars beaten along the way to predict the outcome of the Milk Cup Semi Finals — the first-legs of which kick off next week.

And they are unanimous in their vote . . . it’s Liverpool to face Manchester United in the Final!

WHO’S GOING

NICK HOLMES SOUTHAMPTON

Lost 2-0 to Manchester United at Old Trafford in the Fourth Round . . .

‘STEVE Coppell and his skipper Bryan Robson can guide Manchester United to the Milk Cup Final at Wembley.

The duo are the players who make United tick and at the moment they are both in great form. That’s why I believe they’ll beat ‘The Gunners’ in the two-legged Semi-Final.

Steve is back to his brilliant best after suffering for nearly a year with a troublesome knee injury. He very rarely wastes what he does and never gives you two bites of the cherry.

Bryan Robson has proved to be the driving force in midfield and has been inspirational since he took over from Ray Wilkins as skipper of both his club and country.

I rate United as the second best team in the country — behind Liverpool of course — and I can’t see Arsenal beating them.

United didn’t play particularly well against us at Old Trafford and didn’t create that many chances even though most of the action was concentrated around our penalty area.

But we can’t complain about the 2-0 defeat because we were beaten by the better team on the night.

Arsenal, by their own high standards, are having a poor



Southampton defender Nick Holmes — he can’t see Manchester United slipping up against Arsenal.

PAUL DYSON COVENTRY

Lost 2-1 to Burnley at Highfield Road in the Third Round . . .

‘BURNLEY have every chance in a two-leg situation . . . but it’s going to be difficult.

They appear to be a team well equipped for cup football and while we didn’t play well against them, they knocked the ball around with confidence.

Martin Dobson in particular played very well for them at the back. He controlled things.

season and so far the Milk Cup has been their only taste of success.

I think they’ll benefit from the arrival of Vladimir Petrovic. Ever since Liam Brady left for Italy a couple of years ago they missed that extra touch of skill in midfield. The Yugoslav could be the man to provide it.

You can’t afford to take any chances with the Arsenal front two — England striker Tony Woodcock and Alan Sunderland. They are both so sharp.

It’s in defence where Arsenal are strong and they are a very difficult team to score against, but United can do it with the players they have.

It’s very frustrating to play against Arsenal because they are so difficult to break down. It’s important that you keep a cool head and don’t get flustered. 9

Their aim has got to be to keep the score down at Anfield in the first leg. Then they may be in with a chance on their own ground.

We were beaten 4-0 by Liverpool in the League at Anfield, but we missed a penalty which would have made the score 2-1 and could have changed the course of the game.

Birmingham went there a couple of weeks back and only lost 1-0 so that must give Burnley heart.

I think Billy Hamilton will cause Liverpool a few problems too.

It would be great for the game and great for Burnley if they could reach Wembley, but forced to pick a winner I’d have to choose Liverpool.

DAVE WATSON NORWICH

Lost 2-0 to Liverpool at Anfield in the Fourth Round . . .

‘MY old team Liverpool will have to suffer an injury crisis for Burnley to have any chance at all.

I just can’t see the Merseyside giants slipping up over two legs. They are far too experienced and professional for that.

Burnley have done very well to get this far, but the Semi-Final is the end of the line for them.

Going to Anfield is a daunting prospect and they’ll have to try and unsettle the League Champions. I can’t see them doing that and I’m sure Burnley would be happy to leave the ground with a 1-0 defeat.



Flashback to last season as Liverpool celebrate their Milk Cup Final victory over Spurs.

TERRY GIBSON SPURS

Lost 4-1 to Burnley at White Hart Lane in the Quarter-Finals . . .

‘IT beats me why Burnley are struggling at the bottom of the Second Division!

We fancied they might come to our place and concentrate on trying to stop us playing, but they came at us and took control in the last 20 minutes of the match.

They certainly impressed me. While they worked hard they showed they had ability too.

Their midfield played well together and at the back Martin Dobson looked a very good player.

I'm sure they'll give Liverpool a good game at Turf Moor, but the Anfield side are probably the top club in the country at present and I fancy them to go all the way and win the Cup. 9

TO WEMBLEY?

THE STARS GIVE THEIR VERDICT

KENNY SWAIN FOREST

Lost 4-0 to Manchester United at Old Trafford in the Quarter-Finals . . .

‘ARSENAL have always been a very difficult side to beat, but Manchester United are earning themselves a similar reputation and they may have too much talent for the men from Highbury.

When United beat us in the Quarter-Finals it was their commitment over 90 minutes that impressed me.

Down the years they have been renowned for blowing hot and cold

during a game but they've become much more consistent.

At the same time Arsenal are a team that have always commanded healthy respect and while we beat them 3-0 in the League earlier this season the scoreline was probably a bit fortuitous.

Everyone will be looking to players like Bryan Robson of United and Graham Rix and possibly Vladimir Petrovic of Arsenal to swing the game.

But the days of star players turning a game are far less common now. It's much more of a team game.

With that in mind I'm taking Manchester United to win, but if there are more than two goals in it I'll be amazed. 9

Liverpool have so many good players, but one of the main reasons they are so successful is that they've got a great backroom staff.

They don't get the credit they deserve. It's the coaches and trainers who keep the players on their toes and make sure that they remain level-headed.

Big striker Billy Hamilton is a man who could well cause the Liverpool defence a couple of problems. He'll play an important part because Burnley have got to play the Watford type of game — long high balls to the front players. That's the only way to unsettle them.

Burnley's best chance of a shock will be in the return at Turf Moor. The players will raise their game playing in front of a full house on their own small ground. 9



PHIL PARKES WEST HAM

Lost 2-1 to Liverpool at Anfield in the Quarter-Finals . . .

‘LITTLE Burnley will have to go to Anfield and pray that Liverpool have a bad day, that's what everyone else does! It doesn't happen very often, but it's the only chance I can give the Second Division strugglers of pulling off a shock result at Anfield.

Unfortunately for Burnley the tie is being played over two legs and with their vast experience in Europe, Liverpool are masters of that game.

They are so professional in their approach that no matter what happens in the first leg you can guarantee they'll go out and do the job in the return.

Burnley can't afford to go out there and defend. If they do they'll get hammered. The only way to play them is to attack.

We attacked them in the last round and the result could have been so different if we'd stuck away the one or two half chances we had in the first 45 minutes.

Teams seem to go to Anfield in fear. They pack their defence with ten men, defend and hope that they can snatch a draw. That's just not the way to play Liverpool.

If you let them have the ball you are playing into their hands.



Liverpool's game is based on teamwork, but I believe the form of young Ian Rush has been a big factor in the club's success this season.

Kenny Dalglish was having a nightmare season until the young Welsh international started banging in the goals. Ian's form has taken the pressure off Kenny and now he too has stormed back to his best.

After his poor World Cup performances for Scotland and indifferent start to the season, Kenny was being written off as a spent force. He's proved those people to be a little premature.

Realistically Burnley don't look to have a chance of making it to the Final, but the cup is a funny thing. If Burnley had played Tottenham in a League game I'm sure Spurs would have reversed the score.

My advice to the Lancashire side is to go out and enjoy the experience of playing at Liverpool. 9

SLEEPING PARTNERS

NEW England Under-21 international Paul Bracewell hopes his sleeping arrangements during his away trips with Stoke will help his soccer education.

Midfield player Paul, with eyes on a full England place, rooms with Northern Ireland international Sammy McIlroy.

"He's been around a bit, having won honours with Manchester United and international recognition with Northern Ireland, particularly in the World Cup.

"Just talking to him, you learn such a lot," says Paul.

"And it's also good for my soccer education that Stoke have so many new faces at the club this season.

"Being able to talk and play alongside them can only help me become a better player."

LAST season only five teams — Barnsley, Doncaster, Plymouth, Walsall and Wimbledon — had two players sent off in the same match.

This term seven sides have had a 'double' sending off, with Hartlepool topping the list with three ordered off.

The double teams so far are Peterborough, Manchester City, Middlesbrough, Newcastle, Aldershot, Millwall, Colchester and Rochdale.

TREVOR'S DAY TURNS SOUR

IT was a day of mixed fortune for Oxford United's Trevor Hebbard, who is seen here receiving Match Weekly's Third Division 'Matchman of the Month' award for November from club chairman Robert Maxwell.

Not long into the 1-1 draw with Gillingham, the former Southampton forward was injured and faced a lengthy spell on the sidelines after fracturing a cheekbone.



WHACK! BRUSH IS SWEEP OFF HIS FEET

PAUL Brush was one of the stars of West Ham's dramatic 3-2 victory over Swansea — at least that's what he has been told!

The Hammers' full-back hardly remembers a thing about the game after suffering severe concussion and two broken bones in a hand following a collision with Robbie James.

In fact, he didn't know the result until goalkeeper Phil Parkes told him in the dressing room after the final whistle.

"I know I took a hell of a whack and the bench must have been concerned about me because I remember they kept asking me if I wanted to come off," he says.

"Although I played on, I wasn't really taking in anything that was going on."

GOAL-HUNGRY GARY

ASTON Villa's exciting striker Gary Shaw is desperately seeking to improve his goals tally to boost his chances of gaining England recognition.

"If I can get around the twenty-goal mark this season then I must get my name among the list of possibles for a place in the full England squad," says Gary who has scored eight First Division goals.

"I know that scoring goals is not everything. There are days when you score and still have a bad game.

"But to get England recognition I'll have to be playing well and scoring goals consistently.

"No doubt Mr Robson will be keeping together most of the squad that played against Luxembourg, but there is always the chance that he might experiment for the game with Wales later this month."

DOUBLE FINISH!

NEW world Professional Darts Champion Keith Deller was a special guest of his local team Ipswich Town for the League game against Brighton — almost ten years since he acted as ball boy at Portman Road.

Keith, an avid Ipswich fan, proudly showed off his trophy before the game (above) and was given a warm reception by the home crowd.

He met his Ipswich idols and watched from the directors' box as they finished in true Deller style with a double — beating Brighton 2-0!

CHARITY MATCH OF THE DAY...

FOOTBALL League managers and BBC Match of the Day commentator John Motson are to use the retirement of referee Bert Newsome as a chance to help him raise cash for Shropshire charities.

Bert, the Midland county's only League referee, is marking his retirement by arranging a match between a League Manager's XI, organised by Shrewsbury boss Graham Turner, and a John Motson XI.

The match is scheduled for April 29 at the home of Alliance Premier Club Telford, and the aim is to raise £5,000 to be shared between four charities.

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'MY BATTLE AT CHELSEA'

— ALAN MAYES

STRIKER Alan Mayes is fighting for his future at Chelsea.

The £175,000 buy from Swindon has made only a handful of League appearances this season and, with his contract at the club expiring in the summer, he wants a chance to prove himself.

"I'd love to stay at the club if the situation was right and I felt I had a future here. I've done enough moving around and my family are happy living in the area."

The 29-year-old was a regular in the side last season and finished up second in the club's scoring charts.

It's been so different this time around and he admits: "There have been times when I've wondered whether I've got a future at Stamford Bridge."

"I felt that the manager didn't rate me. He used every possible formation up front without giving me a chance."

"Things looked pretty bleak for me. I was playing well in the reserves and felt I deserved a first team chance. I thought the manager had something against me."

"Towards the end of last season when things weren't going too well for the club, I felt I was being made a scapegoat by the fans."

"It's obvious that they are going to pick on the big-money signing and I let it affect my confidence."

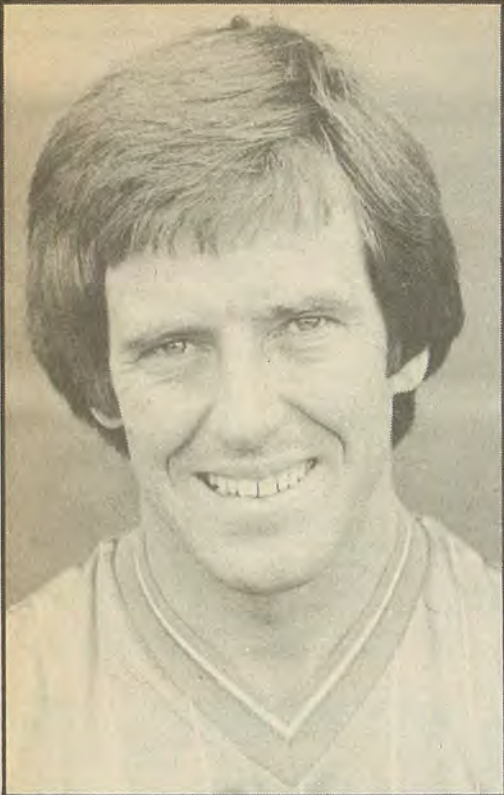
"Now I've adopted a better attitude. I'm not going to care and just go out there and do my best."

Alan, who started his League career with QPR before spells at Watford, Northampton and Swindon, says: "I came to Stamford Bridge because I felt they could achieve First Division football."

"Unfortunately it hasn't worked out that way yet, but the potential is here at Chelsea. It isn't impossible to go up this season. All we need to do is produce a good winning run."

Alan scored in Chelsea's 6-0 humiliation of Cambridge in what was only his fifth League appearance of the season.

He says: "I'm sure that if I'm given games I can score goals and contribute something to the team. I've got confidence in my ability to do well at the highest level."



Alan Mayes — "I thought the manager had something against me."

MATCH CHAT

Compiled by Melvyn Beck

DID YOU KNOW

WHEN Liverpool's Bob Paisley retires at the end of the season, Darlington manager Billy Elliott, who will be 58 next month, will become the elder statesman among current Football League managers.

He made his debut in the competition with the now defunct Bradford Park Avenue in December 1946, in a Second Division game against Tottenham.

★ ★ ★
ONLY three player-managers in the past twenty years have led their teams to Football League Championships, and they were all achieved in Division Three.

The successful men were Peter Morris (with Mansfield in 1976-77), Arfon Griffiths (with Wrexham in 1977-78) and Graham Turner (with Shrewsbury in 1978-79).

★ ★ ★
THIRD Division Huddersfield were the third winners of the Fiat 'Performance of the Week' award following their 4-3 victory at Exeter.

It meant that Ossett Trinitarians Sporting Boys Club from Wakefield received the prize of £250 and a full set of football strip.

'SHINE ON CITY' SAYS MICK COOP

MICK Coop was part of the furniture at Highfield Road.

Now he's surrounded by the real stuff in his own antique business in nearby Leamington Spa.

And there's no time for sitting around when he's polishing up on his woodwork as our picture (right) shows.

Mick's last club was Derby, but he quit the Baseball Ground in the close season to concentrate on antiques.

He still retains a keen interest in football, however, and especially Coventry for whom he made 424 League appearances.

And he's delighted to see his former team-mates challenging for a place in Europe.

"I'd love to see them finish in the top six. The club haven't had anything to shout about for the last 15 years and they deserve some success," says Mick.

"The city is depressed and there's a lot of unemployment in the area. The club's success has been a great shot in the arm."

"I'd love to be part of the success the players are now experiencing," he adds.

"The players who are doing well now are the same ones I played with and I'm really pleased for them. I just hope they can sustain it."

Mick played in the last — and only — Coventry team to qualify for European competition. That was back in 1970-71, but after getting through the first round of the UEFA Cup, they were hammered 6-1 by West German giants Bayern Munich and he says:

"It would be a great experience for the youngsters in the team if they could qualify this time. I only hope they get further than our side did!"

■ THE second Dana Cup competition is being staged in Denmark from July 25 to 30. A total of 230 youth teams from 15 different countries took part in last year's tournament at Hjørring.

If you want more details then contact Norman Redman, of 57 Colebrook Road, Littlehampton, Sussex.



Mick Coop gets to work on a chair in his antiques shop.

BRUCE PLAYS HIS CARDS RIGHT

PRESTON'S flame-haired striker Alex Bruce has a special incentive to retain his place in the Third Division side.

He's in his testimonial year at Deepdale and so it's important for him to stay in the club's relegation battle after a frustrating spell out of favour before Christmas.

"In a way I'm lucky to have this testimonial. Organising events has helped to take my mind off being out of the side," says Alex whose ten years' service with the club came in two spells.

"But that's no substitute for playing football, which after all, is my job."

"There again, I'm not going to get the full benefit of a testimonial season if I spend it in the reserves, and out of the limelight."

"Although I was 30 at Christmas, I still feel I've plenty to offer. I'm as fit as ever, and I know I can score goals if I'm given the chance to play."

THE "Terriers" have found their teeth once more.

And they are determined to prove their bite is as big as their bark as they strive to revive the glory days of Huddersfield teams gone by.

Melvyn Beck reports . . .



Colin Russell — so grateful to Huddersfield for giving him his League chance after he failed to make it at Liverpool.

ASK any football fan south of Leeds to name the manager of Huddersfield Town and he would probably give you a blank expression.

And when you smugly provide the answer — Mick Buxton — it's odds on his retort would be . . . "Who's he then?"

The former Burnley and Halifax player has come to terms with almost total anonymity outside Yorkshire.

As he says in his typically blunt manner: "They've never heard of me because I didn't have a name in football like some of the people who get managers' jobs these days.

"And to be quite honest, I don't care two hoots about them either. My only concern is the welfare of Huddersfield, and I couldn't care less about any other team."

But in four years at Leeds Road he has certainly made his mark, quietly and efficiently restoring the image of a once-proud club that in the 1920's was as revered and successful as Liverpool are today.

They lifted the First Division Championship three years on the trot, were runners-up twice and were Wembley winners all in the space of five years.

But almost sixty years on, Mick Buxton arrived to discover Huddersfield staring

re-election in the face after dropping like a stone from the First Division in five years.

The tough-talking boss doesn't pull any punches when he reflects on his first few days in the job.

"The club was terrible. The players lacked discipline and were running riot. The team was third from bottom in the Fourth and crowds were down to around 2,400.

"There wasn't a lot right about the club, but there was a hell of a lot wrong.

"The majority of the players wanted to do well, but, as in most clubs, there were three of four ringleaders who led them astray and caused trouble.

"Once they were sorted out and ousted, and discipline was restored, I knew we had a chance to do something."

His effect was almost immediate. The dust began to be swept away from the club's tarnished image, and in the space of three years he has lifted the club to the very threshold of the Second Division.

They swept to the Fourth Division Championship during his first full season in charge, scoring 101 League goals in the process, and then they were just shaded out of promotion the next season.

"That was a disappointment to everyone because I thought we were going to make it,

TERRIERS

VETERAN Huddersfield defender Keith Hanvey hopes to end his career in the First Division . . . where it would have started some 15 years ago but for two tragic twists of fate.

A broken leg sustained in a reserve match just days after his debut for Manchester City in the FA Cup set his career back ten months.

Then, the sacking of team boss Malcolm Allison, after Keith had returned from a loan spell with Swansea, denied him the chance to pick up the pieces at Maine Road.

He finished up with struggling Rochdale instead of rubbing shoulders with the likes of Francis Lee, Colin Bell and Mike Summerbee in the dazzling City side of the early seventies.

"Mal had promised me a place in the first team squad and a pay rise when I had recovered my form, but just after I returned to Maine Road he was sacked," explains Keith.

"His successor, Johnny Hart, didn't rate me, and, after a bust-up, I went and joined nearby Rochdale just to get first team football.

"On reflection, I was probably a bit bull-headed. It might have been better had I remained patient for a time."

After Rochdale it was Grimsby for Keith before arriving at Leeds Road some five years ago.

"I have enjoyed my time at Huddersfield. You've got to enjoy every game at my time of life, because you never know whether it will be your last.

"My immediate ambition is to help Huddersfield into the Second Division. Once there, I shall then look again at Division One.

"I would love to play in the First with Huddersfield, but I don't know whether the club will make it there in my time.

"I feel certain that we can more than hold our own in the Second, having played several Second Division sides recently.

"Getting into the First Division has got to be my ultimate ambition now. My hopes of playing for England have gone unless they produce a pill to reduce your age!

"We went desperately close to winning promotion to the Second a couple of years ago, but last season was a disappointment due in the main to injury problems.

"We lost our entire strike force for a time,

UNLUCKY KEITH HAS TOP FLIGHT TARGET

so we had no chance.

"Youngsters came in to get experience however and we are probably reaping the benefits from that this season, so perhaps last season's problems weren't in vain."

While Keith travels optimistically through the twilight of his career, new striker Colin Russell is setting out on the road that he hopes will eventually lead him back to Anfield . . . as an opponent.

Signed this season from Liverpool where he managed one 15-minute spell as a substitute, he looks forward to the chance of returning to the Champions' lair with a Huddersfield side in the First Division.

"It would be great to go there with Huddersfield. There is First Division potential at this club and I shall do everything in my power to help them achieve it, because they gave me my League chance.

"It was disappointing not to get a chance at Liverpool, but I don't regret joining them. I had a good grounding from the coaches.

"When Huddersfield asked me to sign for them this season, I had no idea where they stood in the League.

"But I wanted League football, I was impressed with the set-up and I would probably have signed even if they had been in the Fourth Division.

"Now it's up to the players to get the club up. We shall only have ourselves to blame if we don't make it this time.

"I don't think in terms of teams being better than us. That's the wrong attitude.

"I go out there thinking that we are better than anyone else and are not going to lose."

but in the end we had to settle for fourth place," he says.

Then, last season, everyone wondered whether Mick's bubble had burst. Favourites for promotion when the campaign began they slumped to 17th place.

"It was a hell of a setback to the club, but we were plagued by injuries all through the season.

"You hear Tottenham crying their eyes out this season about their injuries, and they've got a colossal staff.

"But I don't know how they would have coped last season with a small squad. In the end I had four players quit through injury and another leave the game to become a newsagent!"

Mick refused to panic even though it took them until the end of September to win their first League game.

"It's no good bringing people in for the sake of it. It was a matter of waiting for the right players to come along.

"They eventually came in the shape of Colin Russell from Liverpool, Daral Pugh from Doncaster and Steve Doyle from Preston, but even so, that only leaves us with a senior squad of 14 players."

Up to last Saturday Huddersfield had lost only three in a run of twenty League matches,

and once again they are being hailed as promotion material.

Mention the word 'promotion' in the presence of the manager however and he's likely to bite your head off.

"We don't talk about promotion at this place," he growls.

"First and foremost we are competitive grafters who go out to enjoy the game and entertain the public. If that leads to us winning games and achieving promotion, then all well and good.

"There's a lot of water to pass under the bridge before the end of the season. The top seven or eight teams are all capable of getting promotion, and there could also be a surprise team come from the pack.

"All I hope is that we can stay in the reckoning."

But what are the prospects of Mick Buxton becoming a household name in the First Division?

"If I had a crystal ball I might be able to tell you," he retorts.

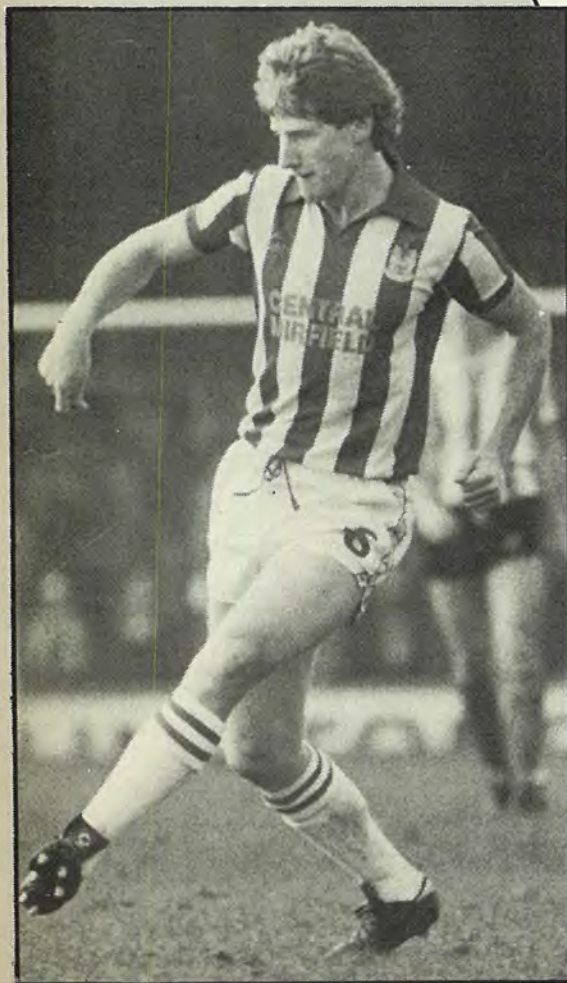
"My ambitions are simply to enjoy my job and to win as many matches as possible.

"I couldn't wish for a better board of directors or a better bunch of players, and if all the hard work here brings its rewards, then who knows what lies ahead?"



Manager Mick Buxton — "The players were running riot when I arrived. There was a hell of a lot wrong with the club."

SHOW THEIR TEETH!



Keith Hanvey — suffered two tragic twists of fate but happy at Huddersfield and would love nothing more than to help them regain former glories.

We're another Ipswich says Steve Kindon

FORMER First Division winger Steve Kindon predicts that Huddersfield will be an established Division One side by the end of the 1980's.

"I'm not saying that we will emulate the club's achievements in the 1920's when they won the title three years on the trot," stresses Steve, who now counts money instead of goals as the club's promotions manager.

"I also realise that the club will never have the resources to become another Liverpool, Manchester United, Arsenal or Tottenham.

"But I honestly believe that we can emerge as another Ipswich-type side, hovering consistently around the top six, winning a couple of cups and regularly qualifying for Europe."

The former Wolves and Burnley hot-shot, whose career with Huddersfield was tragically curtailed last season by a knee injury, is sure the Yorkshire town has the potential to support a First Division team.

"We certainly have as much potential as Burnley did in their First Division days, and probably more than Wolves who are heading back there this season.

"We are averaging crowds of around 10,000 in the Third Division and that compares favourably with Wolves who are storming away at the top of the Second.

"When we get promotion this season, I'm sure we'll average around 14,000 and we'll top the 20,000 mark in several games against neighbouring clubs.

"And, considering the recession in Huddersfield with the running down of the woollen industry, that would be tremendous.

"It's vital for the club to win promotion this season, not only for the fans who want success, but to increase revenue at the turnstiles, which in turn will provide the backing for future investment in players and ground improvements."

HONOURS BOARD

Division One Champions — 1923-24, 1924-25, 1925-26; runners-up, 1926-27, 1927-28, 1933-34.

Division Two Champions — 1969-70; runners-up, 1919-20, 1952-53.

Division Four Champions — 1979-80.

FA Cup winners — 1922; runners-up, 1920, 1928, 1930, 1938. League Cup Semi-Finalists — 1967-68.

Huddersfield's League record

Season	Division	Position
1971-72	— One —	22
1972-73	— Two —	21
1973-74	— Three —	10
1974-75	— Three —	24
1975-76	— Four —	5
1976-77	— Four —	9
1977-78	— Four —	11
1978-79	— Four —	9
1979-80	— Four —	1
1980-81	— Three —	4
1981-82	— Three —	17

● Turn over for a super colour picture of the Huddersfield team!

HUDDERSFIELD TOWN



Back row (left to right) — Jimmy Robson (coach), David Sutton, Keith Hanvey, Terry Austin (now with Doncaster), Keith Mason, Brian Cox, Mark Lillis, Malcolm Brown, Peter Valentine, John Haselden (coach).
 Front row — Mick Kennedy (now with Middlesbrough), Brian Stanton, Phil Wilson, Mick Buxton (manager), David Burke, David Cowling, Tim Hotte, Roy Greenwood.
 Insets (left to right) — Colin Russell, Steve Doyle, Daral Pugh.



NIGEL CALLAGHAN WATFORD

Watford

'MATCH' looks ahead to Manchester United's Milk Cup Semi-Final first leg with Arsenal and talks to defender Gordon McQueen, who attacks his club's lack of success in recent years.

AS Manchester United prepare to face Arsenal in the first leg of the Milk Cup Semi-Final, giant defender Gordon McQueen branded his club's trophy-winning record as 'abysmal'.

He says: "Since winning the European Cup in 1967, all United have done is to lift the FA Cup once and that is pathetic. It's just not good enough for a club with our resources.

"The fans have been coming to Old Trafford in the 40,000s for years and we haven't won anything for them. It's vitally important that we do soon for their sake.

ABYSSMAL!

"The players are very conscious of our poor record and we're all determined to put it right."

Gordon — two-goal hero of United's 4-2 win over Nottingham Forest in the last round — adds: "This is by far the strongest Manchester United squad I've been involved with so I'm confident we can win something.

"Before we can start thinking about Wembley, though we've got to beat Arsenal and I regard that draw as tough as getting Liverpool.

"We'd have preferred to have drawn Burnley. We must have fancied our chances against a side that's struggling at the bottom of the Second Division.

"Arsenal have been playing pretty well of late and much of that has been due to the form of Tony Woodcock and the arrival of Vladimir Petrovic from Red Star Belgrade."

"The Yugoslav is a class player and would be an asset to any team," says Gordon.

"We drew with Arsenal 0-0 at home and they came as close as anyone to beating us at Old Trafford for the first time this season.

"They are a very difficult side to break down. They've got a very strong back four but it would be unfair to describe them as negative. They've got flair in the likes of Graham Rix and Tony Woodcock.

"Games against them in recent years have tended to be 0-0 affairs so I'm hoping this one will be as high-scoring and exciting as our last meeting in a cup competition."

That was back at Wembley in May 1979 in the FA Cup Final and Arsenal won the trophy despite a dramatic fightback by United.



Gordon McQueen — "United's record has been abysmal."

Trailing 2-0 with four minutes to go, Gordon put United back into the game and two minutes later Sammy McLroy equalised. Extra-time looked a certainty until Alan Sunderland stunned Old Trafford fans with a late winner.

"So much has changed at Arsenal since that day. Frank Stapleton and Liam Brady, who were the cornerstones of the side, have since left.

"Frank of course is now with us and I suppose it will feel funny for him playing against some of the players he grew up with. But I know he's professional enough not to let it bother him."

Manchester United have never reached a Milk Cup Final and Gordon admits: "In the past, the competition was frowned upon by the big clubs. That's not the case now.

"There was never the same conviction as the FA Cup. It didn't have the appeal to the big boys. You only have to look at the quality of the Semi-Finalists this year to realise how much that has changed.

GORDON McQUEEN SLAMS UNITED'S RECORD

"Now the competition means big revenue for the clubs and a chance to play in Europe. For the players, there's the prospect of a Wembley appearance."

Gordon admits that the Milk Cup was fourth in his list of priorities when the season started. He says: "The first is the Championship, followed by success in Europe and an FA Cup winners medal and then the Milk Cup.

The highlight of this season's Milk Cup win for United was their victory over Nottingham Forest and Gordon says: "I enjoyed that game and it was great to score a couple of goals.

"It was a tremendous night and it was good for United to score four goals and send the fans home happy."

The former Scotland centre-half had been criticised by his manager Ron Atkinson earlier this season for not scoring enough goals, but Gordon counters: "I had a chat with him and told him I felt I wasn't being allowed to get into the right position at set pieces.

"I like to attack the ball in the air and I felt I was being used in the wrong positions. Now I've been given a little more freedom and am allowed to switch about.

"But scoring goals doesn't bother me. I'm not fussy who gets them as long as it's a United player," says Gordon, who joined the Old Trafford side from Leeds for a then British record fee of £495,000 in February 1978.

Gordon believes that he's enjoying his best ever season as a United player. He says: "I've only missed a couple of games this season and I haven't had any injury problems for a long time.

"Things are looking rosy all round because United have started to pick up after a poor Christmas and the team is playing well and creating chances. We could be hitting form just at the right time."

SCOTTISH success in the 1974 World Cup Finals could have led to my death!

It was through playing in that tournament in West Germany that I discovered I was suffering from sugar diabetes.

That was a shock in itself, but what the doctor told me afterwards was really scaring.

He said that had Scotland qualified for the last eight and I had played, I might have slipped into a coma and never come out!

Looking back, I was stupid because the warning signs had been there for some time. I was drinking a monumental amount of liquid — not alcoholic, I hasten to add — and losing weight rapidly.

It was during our game against Zaire that I began to worry. At half-time I was really thirsty and I remember one of my team-mates telling me to steady on with my drinking otherwise I'd empty the water tap.

I just put it down to the weather and playing in the Finals, but when I arrived back at Glasgow my wife persuaded me to see a doctor. I was glad I did...

If you suffer from diabetes, you have to inject yourself with insulin every day and that brought extra fear for me because of my dread of needles!

Fortunately, the trouble didn't have an adverse affect on my career, although it did make me shudder when I realised how close I'd come to meeting my maker. I hadn't helped the situation by going a month without treatment.

My problems apart, we had some good laughs during the Finals and I made many firm friends. Since then I've been best of mates with Joe Jordan, Tommy Hutchison and former Newcastle defender John Blackley.

There were some tremendous characters in the Scotland team. Hibernian defender Eric Schaedler proved to be quite a practical joker and we had lots of laughs over his antics.

On a warm-up tour of Belgium, he got hold of a grotesque old man's mask and frightened the life out of Denis Law!

Shock

Denis, 'The King', was carrying a trayful of cups and saucers along a corridor to his hotel room when Eric — complete with mask and long overcoat — leapt out of the darkness.

I've never seen Denis turn and run so quickly in my life! The cups and saucers went all over the place.

On the last night of the Finals, Denis got another shock. He's not the best swimmer in the world and you ought to have seen the look of absolute terror on his face when we picked him up and threw him into the swimming pool!

The biggest disappointment of the Finals was going out without losing a game. We beat little Zaire 2-0, and drew with World Champions Brazil and Yugoslavia.

The Brazil game goes down in my mind as the most heart-breaking and, at the same time, greatest I've ever taken part in. I can remember the tension on the faces of such world class players as Billy Bremner, Joe Jordan and Kenny Dalglish during the national anthems.

The only person who looked relaxed and smiling was Brazilian Roberto Rivelino. That smile was to disappear as we gave the mighty Brazilians the fright of their lives and very nearly toppled them.

I'll never forget the look of relief on Rivelino's face when the final whistle went and they had scraped home with a 0-0 draw.

The result left us having to beat Yugoslavia in the last match to qualify for the last eight. In the end, the game was an anti-climax and, despite pressure from the whistle, we couldn't beat their nine-man defensive wall and once again had to settle for a draw.

Looking back, I believe we were the unluckiest team to go out of the tournament. All the effort, team play and wonderful support from the Scottish fans had come to nothing.

But the supporters appreciated what we'd done and I'll never forget the reception they gave us as we touched down at Glasgow



MY STORY

by Danny McGrain

CELTIC and former Scotland skipper Danny McGrain is telling all ... and he's telling it to 'Match'.

It's the life-story of one of the game's most respected players, but as he reveals this week, his career was almost cut short...

'I NEARLY DIED'

Airport. It was as if we'd come home with the Cup.

After the excitement of the World Cup and the drama of the diabetes scare, it was great to go back to Parkhead at the beginning of the 1974-75 season.

The season started off well with victory in the Drybrough Cup and we finished with three trophies, but we lost the League title for the first time in ten years.

And changes were going on behind the scenes. By the end of the campaign, Billy McNeill and Jimmy Johnstone were no longer at the club and we almost lost manager Jock Stein for good.

He was involved in a horrific car accident on his way home from holiday and, for a time, his life looked to be in danger.

It was a good season for me personally because I was being acknowledged as one of the best full-backs in Europe and had helped the club crush any talk of a League Cup jinx.

I went into the Home International Championship full of confidence. Scotland had improved since the World Cup and we were itching to have another go at England at Wembley.

That was a laugh because we were thumped 5-1 and for the first time in my career I felt sorry for a Rangers player.

We began the series with a 2-2 draw against Wales and the star of the show was 'Gers' goalkeeper Stewart Kennedy. He had a marvellous match and saved us from defeat with a succession of reflex stops.

A few days later we thumped our bogey team Northern Ireland 3-0 at Hampden Park and again the Rangers 'keeper came in for a lot of praise.

As we travelled to Wembley, we were full of confidence and sure that we'd leave the arch enemy English in tatters.

But not 20 minutes had gone before we found ourselves 2-0 down and, after a brief fightback — when Bruce Rioch gave us hope from the penalty spot — we ended up being hammered.

A scapegoat had to be found and all eyes turned on the goalkeeper. Kennedy was shattered and I felt he didn't deserve the wicked criticism.

He may have been to blame for two of the goals but where was his defence when he needed it? I, myself, had a bad day as the English tore through us almost at will.

After that game, the Scottish players sat in the dressing room shattered. The fans had expected so much.

Wembley was proving to be a disaster area for me. I'd played there twice and lost twice. I was determined to change that next time.

● Danny McGrain was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.

NEXT WEEK

My views on English football.



Common Link

CAN you name these three strikers, their clubs and say what they've got in common this season?



CUP TEASER

IT'S Milk Cup Semi-Final week, but how well do you remember last season's Semi-Finals in the competition?

- 1 Who did Liverpool beat in the Semi-Finals last season?
- 2 Who got the goal that put Tottenham through to the Final 1-0 on aggregate?
- 3 Who did Tottenham beat in the Semi-Finals?
- 4 Liverpool won their Semi-Final 4-2 on aggregate, but did they win their home leg?

MATCH 'EM UP

Match up the Third Division goalkeepers on the left with the clubs on the right.

- | | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 1 Phil Kite | a) Cardiff |
| 2 Kenny Allen | b) Bristol Rovers |
| 3 Roy Tunks | c) Huddersfield |
| 4 Phil Dibble | d) Bournemouth |
| 5 Brian Cox | e) Wigan |

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MYSTERY MAN

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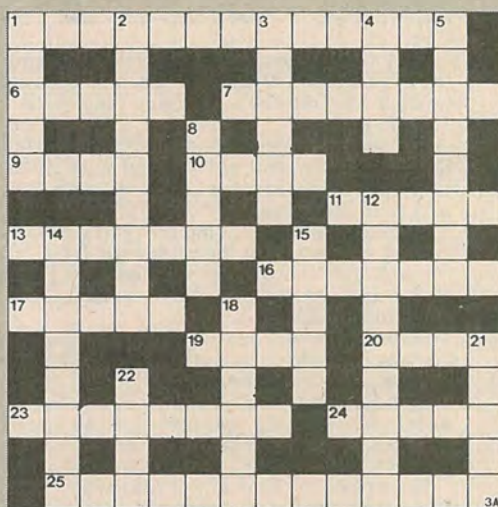
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SOCCERWORD



16. 'Real big' (anagram) — this Scottish international had a real big career of over 500 games, half for Everton and most of the rest for Southampton (7)
17. Kevin Keegan is known as 'Mighty ---' (5)
19. See 11 across
20. Last season, much-travelled goalkeeper --- Ramsbottom was between the sticks for ... (4)
23. ... Bradford City, one of whose nicknames is 'The ---' (8)
24. Who comes next on this list: Bloomfield, McLintock, Wallace, ---? (5)
25. This Leicester full-back broke his leg last season and after making his comeback at Christmas was unlucky enough to break it again (5,8)

DOWN

1. --- Brazier joined Birmingham City from ... (5)
2. ... Wolverhampton --- (9)
3. 'Leeds U.' (anagram) — gets away from a defender (6)
4. Keepers wear them when it's sunny (4)
- 5 & 8. A midweek work-out (8,5)
12. This former Birmingham City man won a medal in the 1978 World Cup final and featured regularly in the 1982 Finals (9)
14. 'For T. Tagg' (anagram) — actually, his name was John and he played mainly for Colchester and Northampton (8)
15. Famous old England keeper who shares his first name with 24 across (5)
18. Hereford United were elected into the League in place of who? (6)
21. A club name you have already read somewhere in the clues of this crossword (5)
22. Famous old Hibernian, Blackpool and Scotland keeper (4)

ACROSS

1. See 7 across
6. The nickname of the men of The Den (5)
- 7 & 1 across. Barcelona won this trophy last season after beating Spurs on the way (8,3-7,3)
9. ... was the score at Wembley in December (4)
10. --- MacDonald became player-manager of Hearts last season (4)
- 11 & 19 across. Stranraer's home ground (5,4)
13. A foul (7)

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RIDDLE TIME

The answer to last week's 'Riddle Time' was Manchester City's Dennis Tueart.

SOLUTIONS

SOCCERWORD: Across: 1. See 7 across; 6. Lions (Millwall); 7 & 1 across: European Cup Winners' Cup; 9. nine (England); 10. Alex; 11 & 19 across: Stair Park; 13. offence; 16. Gabriel; 17. Mouse; 19. See 11 across; 20. Neil; 23. Paraders; 24. Milne (managers of Leicester); 25. Tommy Williams.
Down: 1. Collin; 2. Wanderers; 3. eludes; 4. caps; 5 & 8. practice match; 12. Taranini; 14. Froggatt; 15. Banks; 18. Barrow; 21. Leeds; 22. Farm.
STOP THE ACTION: Nottingham Forest v Man. United; Kevin Moran and Bryan Robson; United won 3-0.
CUP TEASER: 1 Ipswich; 2 Mike Hazard; 3 West Brom; 4. No, it was a 2-2 draw.
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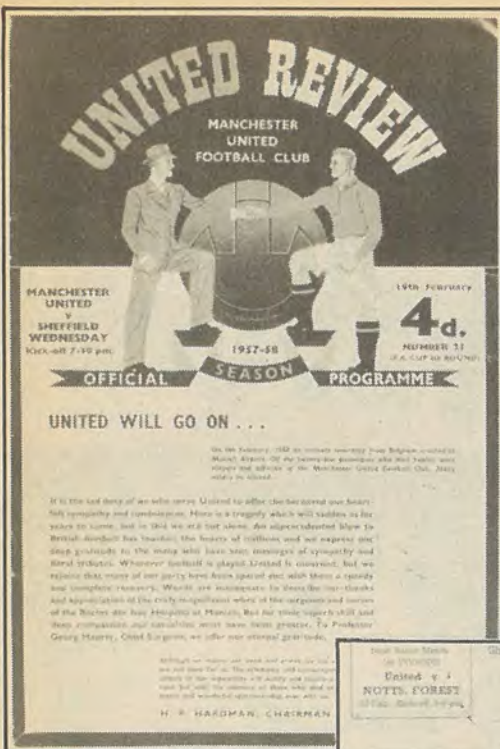
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For United's following game — an FA Cup Fifth Round home clash against Sheffield Wednesday — the line-up was left blank because acting manager Jimmy Murphy had no idea what team he would put out.

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Against Wednesday, several junior players were drafted in, along with Aston Villa's Stan Crowther, who was given special permission to play just 54 minutes before kick-off although being officially cup-tied.

The spaces in the programme were left blank for the 60,000 fans to fill in accordingly, and there were emotional scenes as United romped home to a 3-0 win en route to the Cup Final.

In the end, the team was: Harry Gregg, Bill Foulkes, Ian Greaves, Stan Crowther, Ron Cope, Freddie Goodwin, Colin Webster, Ernie Taylor, Alex Dawson, Mark Pearson and Shay Brennan.

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Crazy as it may seem, it was perfectly true and on one occasion during our short stay at Washington, we acceded to the request of the promotions personnel to hire the chicken for one of our games.

The much awaited day arrived and I shared my changing room with the man in question.

He was assisted into the bottom half of his outfit by his dresser and then proceeded to psych himself up by doing a chicken walk around the dressing room.

All he needed was some corn on the ground and I am sure he would have eaten it!



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ROWDY ROOSTER

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The laugh was on me on another 'dressing-up' occasion . . .

Former Blackburn and Sheffield United player David Bradford was always looking to play a joke on someone and it was my turn one evening in the Detroit Silverdome.

The usual introductions were well under way with the Detroit Express players running out onto the centre of the field through a double line of briefly clad cheerleaders.

But David, who played a few games for Coventry last season, got the biggest cheer of all when he ran out and for a moment I couldn't understand why.

Then, from my position on the half-way line I suddenly realised . . .

David, whom I had nicknamed the 'mighty atom' on his arrival, had run out wearing one of those horrific rubber masks!

I wasn't too amused but the fans loved it and the media made the most of the appearance of a midget 'Frankenstein'.

He didn't do it again . . .

Of course practical jokes are part and parcel of the professional game and plane journeys were often the signal for a laugh in the States.

Many of the journeys were long and boring, so several of the players would play jokes on each other . . . or more often than not, our public relations person Steve Unger.

He was fresh out of college and had no inkling of the sense of humour particular to the game.

Steve was quite at home on planes although invariably he chose to be the last on if allowed and he was constantly kept awake by the players.

On long journeys you just had to take your



Left: Steve Seargeant — life and soul of the party on a plane journey.



Right: David Bradford — he was tagged the 'midget Frankenstein'.

shoes off and Steve's would invariably disappear — only to be produced after a frantic search and much to the amusement of the other passengers.

Steve Seargeant, formerly of Everton was always the life and soul of the party and did great things for the moral of the team . . . if not for Steve Unger.

Indeed, Seargeant it was who once tied Steve's shoe laces to his unfastened seat belt while our P.R. was fast asleep.

With the plane about to land 'fasten seat belts' was announced by the stewardess and Steve almost pulled himself under his own seat.

NEXT WEEK: The day I almost sent Alan Brazil home!



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OUR Milk Cup luck man ran true to form when we were paired with Second Division strugglers Burnley in the Semi-Final.

There's no doubt this was the draw we wanted, but I'm sure Birmingham, Coventry and Spurs said the same thing and look what happened to them!

We've had a reasonable amount of luck in the Milk Cup this season. Apart from the two-leg tie at Ipswich, we've been drawn at home in every other round.

But luck plays an important part in these competitions and the good fortune we've had in this Cup makes up for the bad luck we've suffered in the FA Cup in recent years.

My only regret about the draw is that we've got to play the first leg at Anfield. We much prefer to play at home in the return.

Everyone is saying that our march to our third Milk — or League — Cup Final is now a formality, but I don't see it that way.

Burnley have proved that they're capable of pulling off a shock, so there's no room for complacency in the Liverpool camp. We'll treat them with the utmost respect.

I must admit I was shocked when I heard they'd beaten last year's finalists Spurs 4-2. It was a great result and by all accounts they thoroughly deserved the victory.

But the game was an absolute tragedy for poor Graham Roberts. To score two own goals in one match is a complete freak. I'm sure it's a game he'll want to forget very quickly indeed.

Northern Ireland striker Billy Hamilton got Burnley's other two goals and he once again showed how dangerous he can be.

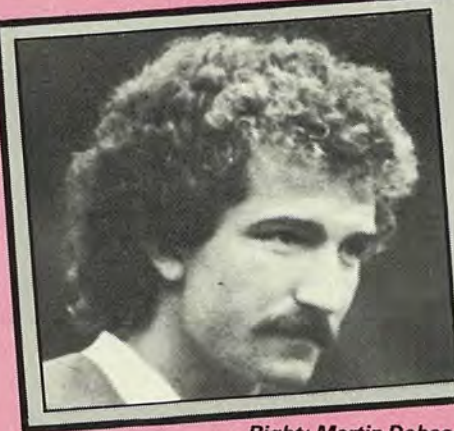
He's a big strong front-runner and he proved during the World Cup Finals that he can upset international defenders. He'll cause us a few problems.

I've played against their skipper Martin Dobson on quite a few occasions. He was at Everton before his move to Turf Moor and was involved in many Liverpool derby games.

Although he is in the twilight of his career, his experience is proving vital to the younger members of the Burnley team. In this game nothing can compensate for experience.

One player who seems to be benefiting from his skipper's influence is midfielder Trevor Steven. The youngster looks to be a bright prospect.

The last time I can remember playing against Burnley was back in February



Right: Martin Dobson... influence and experience at Burnley.

The GRAEME SOUNESS Column

The Liverpool skipper and midfielder mastermind prepares for Milk Cup battle against Burnley... with a warning.

1979 in an FA Cup Fifth Round tie at their place. We won 3-0 and I scored one of the goals. Let's hope history repeats itself!

The other Semi-Final between Arsenal and Manchester United is one I find impossible to predict. It could go either way.

Everyone is tipping United to go through and they must start as favourites because they've hit some good form of late and are scoring goals.

'The Gunners' have been blowing hot and cold in the League this season, but that counts for nothing. The cup is an entirely different proposition.

On the Anfield scene, I was sad to see Howard Gayle leave Anfield and join Birmingham.

He'd spent a couple of months at Newcastle before the St Andrews move came about and was a victim of the very strong competition for first team places at Liverpool. He could never establish himself here.

But I'm sure that if he gets an extended run in the Birmingham side, he'll prove to be a very valuable asset to Ron Saunders. His best position is up front playing as an orthodox winger.

Howard will be remembered by Liverpool fans for the great job he did against Bayern Munich in the Semi-Final of the 1981 European Cup when he came on as substitute for Kenny Dalglish in our 1-1 draw.

The Saturday after our Milk Cup clash with Burnley we'll be back in League action at Luton, determined to pick up another three points.

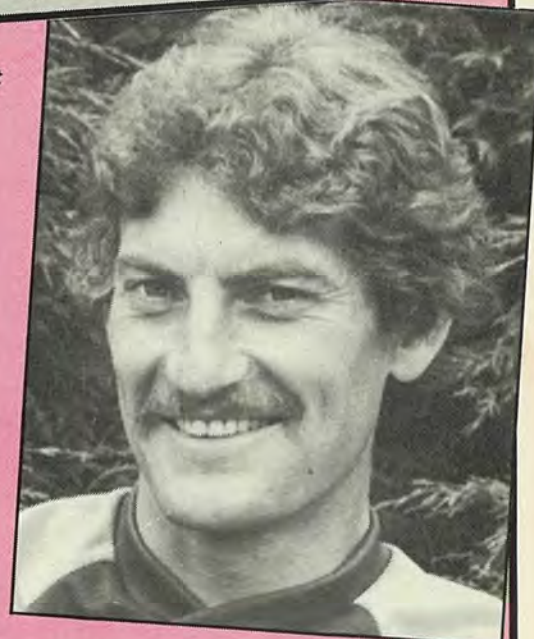
It's absolute nonsense to suggest — as many people have — that we've as good as won the League Championship. That's not the way we see it at Liverpool.

In football you can never be sure of anything and we certainly won't relax until we've got our hands on the trophy.

We played Luton at Anfield in September and they came the closest anyone has this season to beating us at home. In the end we were happy to settle for a 3-3 draw.

It surprises me to see David Pleat's side struggling near the bottom of the First Division because I was very impressed with them — especially new England cap Ricky Hill and striker Brian Stein.

They had us chasing about and on the day played most of the football. It was a tremendous game.



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Paul Heaton, Roger Palmer.

STAR CHALLENGE



Wolves star Mel Eves (below) and his challenger Paul Bell of Worcester (above).



IT'S derby day in the Second Division on Saturday with Leeds at home to rivals Sheffield Wednesday and Middlesbrough entertaining Newcastle.

Both are clashes guaranteed to bring in the crowds and Wolves striker Mel Eves — this week's guest on 'Star Challenge' — believes it will be the Leeds fans who will do most of the celebrating.

Sheffield Wednesday are going through something of a sticky patch at the moment and Mel says: "I don't think they will come away with anything from Elland Road."

"Leeds are a very difficult side to beat — especially at home — and I'm going for them to win 2-1."

On the big one in the North-East, Mel believes the honours will be shared.

He says: "There will be too much pressure on the two teams and I think defences will dominate the game."

"In many ways, Kevin Keegan is running the show at Newcastle and the same thing is happening at Middlesbrough in the shape of manager Malcolm Allison."

"So it will be a real clash between the two personalities."

Wolves are currently leading the Second Division so naturally Mel wouldn't be too disappointed to see his club's main rivals Q.P.R. slip up on Saturday.

"Unfortunately I can't see it. Rangers should coast it 3-0 against Oldham on their synthetic pitch at Loftus Road."

Mel has been chosen as this week's 'Star Challenge' guest by Wolves fan Paul Bell (13) of Worcester. Both have

predicted the scorelines of ten Second Division games and points are awarded according to the accuracy of the forecasts.

If Paul manages to get more points than the Wolves top goalscorer, he'll be presented with a special 'Star Challenge' certificate.

But win, lose or draw, every challenger receives a personally autographed picture of their favourite player.

If you would like to take part in 'Star Challenge' all you have to do is write in, enclosing your name, age and address — together with a black and white photograph of yourself — and most importantly, your home telephone number.

Don't forget to tell us your favourite team and player. Just write to: 'Star Challenge' Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8DJ.

● IT'S congratulations to Christopher Streeter, of Colchester, and Gary Rumsey, of Harrow Weald, Middlesex, who defeated Celtic's Charlie Nicholas (6-1) and Watford's Luther Blissett (5-3) respectively in the January 15 and 22 editions.

MEL EVES IS THIS WEEK'S STAR GUEST

Here are the ten selected matches for this week, together with the predictions of a lucky 'Match' reader and his famous opponent.

There's a space for you to fill in your predictions and a column for the actual result.

Award two points for every correct score and one point if the result is correct (i.e. home win, away win, draw), but the scoreline is wrong.

	Paul's forecast	Mel's forecast	Your forecast	Result
Blackburn v Grimsby	1-1	2-0		
Bolton v Fulham	0-1	1-1		
Carlisle v Leicester	0-2	2-1		
Charlton v Cambridge	0-0	2-1		
Chelsea v Derby	3-0	1-1		
Leeds v Sheff. Wed	2-0	2-1		
Middlesbrough v Newcastle	0-1	0-0		
QPR v Oldham	2-1	3-0		
Rotherham v Burnley	1-1	1-1		
Shrewsbury v C. Palace	2-0	2-0		

FIXTURES

Saturday, Feb 5

DIVISION ONE

Arsenal v Brighton
Birmingham v West Ham
Everton v Notts Co.
Ipswich v Man. Utd.
Luton v Liverpool
Man. C. v Spurs
Nott'm. F. v Aston Villa
Southampton v Norwich
Sunderland v Coventry
Swansea v Watford
West Brom v Stoke

DIVISION TWO

Barnsley v Wolves
Blackburn v Grimsby
Bolton v Fulham
Carlisle v Leicester
Charlton v Cambridge
Chelsea v Derby
Leeds v Sheff. Wed
Middlesbro' v Newcastle
QPR v Oldham
Rotherham v Burnley
Shrewsbury v C. Palace

DIVISION THREE

Bristol R. v Plymouth
Exeter v Bournemouth
Orient v Lincoln
Oxford v Huddersfield
Reading v Doncaster
Sheff. Utd v Cardiff
Southend v Bradford
Walsall v Gillingham
Wigan v Chesterfield
Wrexham v Preston

DIVISION FOUR

Blackpool v Colchester
Crewe v Swindon
Halifax v Bury
Hereford v Chester
Hull v Aldershot
Northampton v Stockport
Peterborough v York
Port Vale v Darlington
Rochdale v Mansfield
Scunthorpe v Bristol C.
Torquay v Wimbledon
Tranmere v Hartlepool

SCOTTISH

PREMIER DIVISION

Aberdeen v Motherwell
Dundee Utd v Celtic
Hibs v Morton
Rangers v Dundee
St Mirren v Kilmarnock

FIRST DIVISION

Alloa v Clyde
Ayr v Airdrie
Clydebank v Falkirk
Dunfermline v Hearts
Hamilton v Raith
Partick v Dumbarton
Queens Park v St Johnstone

SECOND DIVISION

Arbroath v Stranraer
Brechin v Albion
Cowdenbeath v Berwick
East Stirling v Forfar
Meadowbank v Montrose
Stenhousemuir v E. Fife
Stirling v Queen of the S.

Sunday, Feb 6

DIVISION THREE

Millwall v Portsmouth
Newport v Brentford

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Sunday, Jan. 23

Division Four

YORK (1) 2 (Walwyn 38, Ford 80)
SCUNTHORPE (1) 1 (Cowling 31)
 Att: 7,097
York: ★JONES 8, Evans 7, Hay 7, Sbragia 6,
 Smith 6, Hood 7, Ford 7, Crosby 7, Walwyn 7,
 Byrne 7, Pollard 7.
Scunthorpe: Neenan 7, Oates 6, Poinson 7,
 Parkinson 7, Baines 6, Hunter 7, Mann 7,
 ★Cammack 8, Cowling 7, Angus 6 (sub.
 Boxall), Leman 7.
Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Monday, Jan. 24

**FA Cup, Third Round,
Second Reply**

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 2 (Keeley, og
 14, Taylor, pen 58)
SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Cusack, pen 78)
 Att: 10,767
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, ★STERLAND 8, Bailey
 6, Smith 7, Lyons 7, Shelton 7, Mills 6, Taylor
 7, Bannister 7, Pearson 6, Mirocevic 6.
Southend: Keeley 5, Pennyfather 7 (sub.
 Moody), Yates 6, Clark 7, Hadley 7, Cusack 7,
 ★Pountney 8, Phillips 6, Mercer 6,
 Otulakowski 6, Nelson 5.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Bannister (Sheff Wed.)

Tuesday, Jan. 25

Division Four

TRANMERE (0) 1 (Griffiths 77)
ALDERSHOT (0) 1 (McDonald 48)
 Att: 1,509
Tranmere: Endersby 7, Mungall 6,
 ★BURGESS 8, Oliver 6, Warriner 5 (sub.
 Ferguson), Williams 7, Powell 6, Aspinall 6,
 Kerr 6, Brown 6, Griffiths 7.
Aldershot: Johnson 7, Scott 6, Gillard 6 (sub.
 Andruszewski), Shrubbs 6, Wooler 6,
 ★JOPLING 8, Lucas 6, Banton 7, Sanford 6,
 McDonald 7, Brodie 6.
Referee: C. L. Newsome (Broseley)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Wednesday, Jan. 26

**European Super Cup,
Second Leg**

ASTON VILLA (0) 3 (Shaw, Cowans,
 McNaught)
BARCELONA (0) 0
After Extra Time - Villa win 3-1 on aggregate
 Att: 31,570

**Football League Trophy,
Quarter-Final**

CHESTER (0) 0
NEWPORT (0) 0
*After Extra Time - Chester win 5-4 on
 penalties*

Semi-Final

READING (0) 1 (Doherty)
MILLWALL (2) 3 (Chatterton, Neal, Horrix)

Saturday, Jan. 29

FA Cup, Fourth Round

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Sunderland 63)
LEEDS (0) 1 (Nicholas, og 62)
 Att: 33,930
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Hollins 6, Sansom 6,
 ★ROBSON 8, O'Leary 6, Nicholas 6, Talbot
 6, Sunderland 7, Petrovic 6, Woodcock 6, Rix
 7.

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PLAYER RATINGS

- 10 Out of this world
- 9 Outstanding
- 8 Excellent
- 7 Good
- 6 Adequate
- 5 Off form
- 4 Poor

MATCH RATINGS

- ★★★★★ A classic
- ★★★★ Good value
- ★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★ Dull
- ★ A waste of money

Leeds: Lukic 7, ★ASPIN 8, Gray, E 7,
 Thomas 6, Hart 7, Dickinson 7, Hamson 6
 (sub. Hird 6), Connor 7, Butterworth 6, Gray, F
 6, Graham 7.
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham) injured,
 replaced by M. J. Taylor (Herts)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Withe 20)
WOLVES (0) 0
 Att: 43,121
Aston Villa: Spink 7, Williams 6, Gibson 6,
 Evans 7, McNaught 7, Blair 6, Bremner 7,
 Shaw 6, Withe 6, ★COWANS 8, Morley 6.
Wolves: Burridge 6, Humphrey 6, Palmer 6,
 Smith 6, Pender 6, Dodd 7, ★HIBBITT 8,
 Rudge 6, Gray 7, Eves 6, Matthews 6.
Referee: K. Hackett (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

BRIGHTON (2) 4 (Case 7, Smillie 36,
 Robinson 70, 89)
MANCHESTER CITY (0) 0
 Att: 16,804
Brighton: Moseley 6, Ramsey 7, Gating 8,
 Grealish 8, Foster 8, Stevens 8, ★CASE 9,
 Ritchie 8, Robinson 8, Smith 7, Smillie 7.
Man City: ★CORRIGAN 9, Ranson 6, Bond
 5, Reid 6, Power 6 (sub. Bodak 7), Caton 7,
 Tueart 5, Reeves 8, Cross 5, Hartford 5,
 Kinsey 6.
Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

BURNLEY (2) 3 (Hamilton 16, 78, Steven 42)
SWINDON (0) 1 (Pritchard 50)
 Att: 9,786
Burnley: Stevenson 6, Scott 7, Donachie 7,
 Phelan 7, ★DOBSON 8, Flynn 6, Cavener 5
 (sub. Cassidy 6), Steven 7, Hamilton 7, Taylor
 6, Young 7.
Swindon: Allan 6, Baverstock 6 (sub. Quinn),
 Bailie 7, Emmanuel 7, Lewis 7, Graham 7,
 ★PRITCHARD 8, Batty 6, Rideout 7,
 Rowland 6, Barnard 6.
Referee: K. Redfern (Whitley Bay)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CAMBRIDGE (0) 1 (Mayo 66)
BARNLEY (0) 0
 Att: 6,612
Cambridge: Webster 7, Donaldson 6, Murray
 6, Turner 6, Fallon 7, O'Neill 6, Cartwright 6,
 Spriggs 6 (sub. Streete 6), Reilly 7, ★MAYO
 8, Fisher 6.
Barnley: ★PIERCE 8, Joyce 7, Chambers 6,
 Glavin 6, Banks 7, McCarthy 7, Law 6, Parker
 6, Ronson 6, Walker 6 (sub. Barrowclough),
 Birch 7.
Referee: B. H. Daniels (Brentwood)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

COVENTRY (1) 2 (Thompson 40, Roberts 65)
NORWICH (0) 2 (Hareide 71, Barham 87)
 Att: 13,073
Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 6, Roberts 7,
 Hormantschuck 7, ★DYSON 8, Gillespie 6,
 Whittin 7, Francis 6, Hateley 7, Thompson 7,
 Hunt 6.
Norwich: Woods 7, Hareide 7, Downs 7,
 Mendham 7, Walford 7, Watson 7, Barham 7,
 ★O'NEILL 8, Deehan 7, Bertschin 7, Van
 Wyk 7.
Referee: B. Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 1 (Edwards 49)
BIRMINGHAM (0) 0
 Att: 12,327
Crystal Palace: Fry 7, Gilbert 6, Murphy 5,
 Locke 6, Cannon 7, Hinshelwood 6,
 ★EDWARDS 8, Hughton 5, Jones 7,
 Langley 5, Hilaire 7.
Birmingham: Coton 7, Hagan 6, Dennis 6,
 Brazier 5, Blake 7, Broadhurst 6, Dillon 6,
 ★GAYLE 8, Harford 6, Curbishley 7,
 Summerfield 7 (sub. Handysides 6).
Referee: L. C. Shapter (Torquay)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Hughton (Crystal Palace)

DERBY (1) 2 (Wilson 20, 89)
CHELSEA (0) 1 (Fillery 79)
 Att: 23,383
Derby: Cherry 6, Barton 5, Attley 5, Powell 7,
 Foster 5, McAlle 6, Broolly 5, ★WILSON 8,
 Hill 6, Swindlehurst 7, Mills 6.
Chelsea: Francis 6, Lee 6, Jones 5, Bumstead
 6, Droy 6 (sub. Walker 6), ★PATES 8, Fillery
 6, Hales 5, Speedie 7, Mayes 6, Rhoades-
 Brown 6.
Referee: A. W. Grey (Gt. Yarmouth)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

IPSWICH (1) 2 (Osman 44, McCall 87)
GRIMSBY (0) 0
 Att: 21,455
Ipswich: Cooper 7, Steggles 6, ★GERNON
 8, Thijssen 6, Osman 7, Butcher 7, Wark 6,
 McCall 5, Mariner 7, Brazil 7, O'Callaghan 6.

Grimsby: Batch 7, Moore, D 6, Crombie 6,
 Waters 7, Cooper 7, Moore, K 7, ★FORD 8,
 Whymark 6 (sub. Wilkinson 6), Drinkell 7,
 Bonnyman 7, Speight 6.
Referee: M. Heath (Stoke)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Dalglish 22, Rush 89)
STOKE (0) 0
 Att: 36,666
Liverpool: Grobbelaar 6, Neal 6, Kennedy 7,
 Lawrenson 7, Johnston 6, Hansen 6,
 ★DALGLISH 8, Lee 6, Rush 7, Hodgson 7,
 Souness 7.
Stoke: Fox 7, Parkin 7, Hampton 5, Bracewell
 5, Watson 5, Berry 6, Painter 7, McIlroy 6,
 O'Callaghan 5, ★THOMAS 8, Maguire 5.
Referee: G. Courtney (Co. Durham)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

LUTON (0) 0
MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 2 (Moses 46,
 Moran 89)
 Att: 20,516
Luton: Findlay 6, Stephens 7, Money 7,
 ★HORTON 9, Goodyear 8, Donaghy 8, Hill 8,
 Stein 6, Walsh 6, Turner 7 (sub. Kellock),
 Moss 6.
Man Utd: Bailey 8, Duxbury 8, Albiston 8,
 Moses 8, Moran 7, McQueen 8, ★ROBSON
 9, Muhren 7, Stapleton 8, Whiteside 8,
 Coppell 8.
Referee: R. Lewis (Gt. Bookham)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 2 (Hankin 44,
 Beattie, pen 65)
NOTTS COUNTY (0) 0
 Att: 17,114
Middlesbrough: O'Hanlon 8, Mowbray 8,
 Bolton 8, Nattrass 8, ★BEATTIE 9, Otto 7,
 Wood 6, Sugrue 6, Hankin 6, Shearer 6, Bell
 6.
Notts County: ★AVRAMOVIC 8, Benjamin
 7, Worthington 6, Hunt 6, Kilcline 7, Richards
 6, Chiedozie 7, Fashanu 6, McCulloch 6,
 Goodwin 6, Mair 5 (sub. Christie 5).
Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate)
Match Rating: ★★★★★
Sending Off: Worthington (Notts County)

TORQUAY (1) 2 (Hughes 28, Bishop 74)
SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (1) 3 (Lyons 1,
 Sterland 57, Megson 82)
 Att: 7,823
Torquay: Horn 7, Doyle 6, Wilson 6, Sheridan
 6, Little 6, Hughes 6, Grapes 6 (sub. Bishop),
 O'Donnell 6, ★COOPER 8, Anderson 6,
 Gallagher 6.
Sheff Wed: Bolder 6, Sterland 6, Bailey 6,
 Smith 6, Lyons 7, Shelton 6, ★MEGSON 8,
 Taylor 6 (sub. Pearson 6), Bannister 5,
 McCulloch 7, Heard 7.
Referee: J. Hunting (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

TOTTENHAM (0) 2 (Crooks 58, Gibson 74)
WEST BROM (0) 1 (Whitehead 54)
 Att: 38,208
Spurs: Clemence 7, Hughton 7, Lacy 7,
 Roberts 7, Villa 7, Perryman 6, Ardiles 7,
 Mabbutt 6, ★GIBSON 9, Dick 6 (sub.
 Brooke 7), Crooks 6.
West Brom: Barron 7, Whitehead 7 (sub.
 Brown), Statham 7, ★ZONDERVAN 8, Wile
 6, Robertson 6, Jol 7, Bennett 6, Cross 6,
 Owen 7, Eastoe 6.
Referee: N. Midgley (Salford)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

WATFORD (0) 1 (Lohman 80)
FULHAM (0) 1 (Coney 55)
 Att: 24,574
Watford: Sherwood 6, Rice 6, Rostron 6,
 Taylor 6, Sims 6, ★BOLTON 8, Callaghan 5,
 Blissett 6, Gilligan 5 (sub. Lohman 7), Jackett
 6, Barnes 6.
Fulham: Peyton 6, Hopkins 6, Parker 7,
 O'Driscoll 6, Brown 7, Gale 7, Davies 5,
 Wilson 6, Coney 6, ★HOUGHTON 8,
 Lewington 6.
Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

Division Two

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Hughes, pen 30)
OLDHAM (1) 3 (Wylde, pen 22, Sinclair 86,
 McDonough 89)
 Att: 6,392
Rotherham: Mountford 6, Forrest 7, Henson
 6, Lodge 5 (sub. Fern), Hughes 7, Green 6,
 Townner 7, ★GOW 8, Seaman 7, Walker 5,
 McBride 5.
Oldham: Goran 6, Sinclair 7, Edwards 5,
 Keegan 6, Clements 7, Hoolickin 6, Taylor 7,
 Atkinson 6, ★MCDONOUGH 8, Wylde 7,
 Palmer 7.
Referee: F. Roberts (Prestatyn)
Match Rating: ★★★★★

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Division Three

BRISTOL ROVERS (2) 3 (Platnauer 4, 65, Randall 24)

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0

Att: 6,066

Bristol Rovers: Kite 6, Williams, B 7, ★SLATTER 8, Holloway 7, Parkin 6, McCaffery 6, Ball 7, Williams, D 7, Barrett 7, Randall 7, Platnauer 7.

Chesterfield: Gregory 6, Bellamy 7, Partridge 7, Gooding 6, Green 6, Pollard 7, Plummer 7, Windridge 6, ★HENDERSON 8, Kowalski 6, Kendal 6.

Referee: K. Salmon (Barnet)

Match Rating: ★★

EXETER (0) 0

CARDIFF (0) 2 (Hemmerman 52, Hatton 62)

Att: 4,019

Exeter: Bond 6, Kirkup 5, Viney 5, Rogers, M 6, Marker 5 (sub. Harle 5), Pullar 5, Neville 6, Rogers, P 6, Gibson 6, ★DELVE 7, Pratt 4, Cardiff: Dibble 6, Bodin 7, Mullen 6, Tong 6, Dwyer 7, Bennett, G 5, ★BENNETT, D 8, Gibbins 7, Hatton 7, Hemmerman 7, Lewis 6.

Referee: A. Robinson (Portsmouth)

Match Rating: ★★

Sending Off: Pratt (Exeter), Bennett, G (Cardiff)

NEWPORT (0) 1 (Bailey 78)

BRADFORD (1) 1 (Gray 24)

Att: 3,397

Newport: Kendall 6, Jones 7, Boyle 7, ★BAILEY 8, Oakes 7, Stroud 6, Lowndes 6, Aldridge 6, Tynan 7, Vaughan 7, Elsey 7.

Bradford: Ramsbottom 6, ★PODD 8, Chapman 7, Lester 6, Jackson 7, Cherry 7, Gray 7, McCall 6, Campbell 7, Cooke 6 (sub. McNiven 6), Mellor 7.

Referee: D. Letts (Aldershot)

Match Rating: ★★

ORIENT (0) 0

PLYMOUTH (2) 2 (McCartney, pen 17, Hodges 34)

Att: 2,699

Orient: Day 6, Roffey 6, Peach 7, Foster 5, Cunningham 6, Cornwell 7, Osgood 6, ★GODFREY 8, Houchen 5, Blackhall 5 (sub. Smith 5), Sussex 6.

Plymouth: ★CRUDGINGTON 8, Nisbet 6, Uzzell 6, Harrison 6, Smith 4, Cooper 7, Hodges 7, Bremner 7, Sims 6, McCartney 6, Rogers 7.

Referee: I. J. Borrett (Suffolk)

Match Rating: ★★

Sending Off: Smith (Plymouth)

OXFORD (1) 3 (Smithers 36, Vinter 53, 72)

PRESTON (1) 2 (Gowling 10, Naughton 55)

Att: 4,441

Oxford: Butcher 5, Fogg 6, Grant 5, Train 6, Briggs 6, Shotton 6, Lawrence 5 (sub. Jones 6), Foley 6, ★VINTER 7, Brock 6, Smithers 6, Preston: Litchfield 6, Westwell 5, McAteer 6, O'Riordan 6, Booth 6, Buckley 7, Kelly 6 (sub. Bruce), Gowling 7, ★ELLIOTT 8, Naughton 7, Bell 6.

Referee: M. J. Bodenham (Brighton)

Match Rating: ★★

MATCH WINNERS

'Match Weekly' T-shirts are going to the following winners in our January 15 'Spot the Difference' competition.

They are: Lee Hochkins, Birmingham; Michael Pateman, Bourne, Andrew Kaye, Hove; Martin Drayson, Bexley Heath; John Rogan, Wantage, Oxfordshire; Gareth Long, Lancing, West Sussex; Neil Priestley, Ferryhill, Durham; Barry Carswell, Tenby; Paul Sloan, Honiton, Devon; G. Smith, Liverpool.

THE winners of the January 15 'Programme Parade' competition are: I. Greaves, South Shields; Stuart Joyce, Barking; Janet Robinson, Bingham, Notts; Dennis Prescott, Croydon; Ellis Gemal, Golders Green, London.

READING (1) 1 (Barnes 37)

LINCOLN (0) 1 (Thompson 80)

Att: 2,453

Reading: Judge 7, Richardson 7, White 7, Beavon 7, Hicks 7 (sub. Matthews), Barnes 7, Doherty 7, Williams 6, Price 7, ★BASON 8, O'Sullivan 6.

Lincoln: Felgate 6, Simmonite 6, Neale 6,

★COCKERILL 7, Peake 6, Thompson 6, Burke 6, Turner 6, Hobson 6, White 5, Shipley 6.

Referee: E. A. Crickmore (Plymouth)

Match Rating: ★★

SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 2 (West 17, Young 52)

BOURNEMOUTH (1) 2 (Funnell 30, Heffernan, pen 49)

Att: 11,614

Sheff Utd: Waugh 7, ★HENDERSON 8, Garner 7, Brazil 7, West 7, Houston 6, Morris 7, Young 6, Edwards 6, Curran 6, King 6.

Bournemouth: ★LEIGH 8, Heffernan 7, Sulley 6, Spackman 6, Brignull 7, Golac 5, Neighbour 6, Madden 5, Morgan 6, Funnell 7, Nightingale 5.

Referee: P. N. Willis (Meadowfield)

Match Rating: ★★

SOUTHEND (2) 4 (Mercer 35, Greaves 44, Otulakowski 55, Cusack, pen 59)

BRENTFORD (0) 2 (Kamara 72, Roberts 88)

Att: 3,074

Southend: Cawston 7, Stead 6, Yates 6, Clark 7 (sub. Moody 6), Hadley 7, Cusack 7,

★POUNTNEY 9, Phillips 7, Mercer 8, Otulakowski 8, Greaves 8.

Brentford: Roche 7, Rowe 5, Harris 6, Booker 6, Whitehead 6, Hurlock 7, ★KAMARA 8, Joseph 7, Walker 6 (sub. Bowen 6), Bowles 5, Roberts 7.

Referee: G. J. Napthine (Leicester)

Match Rating: ★★

WALSALL (2) 2 (Kearns, pen 37, O'Kelly 44)

HUDDERSFIELD (0) 0

Att: 3,922

Walsall: Green 7, Caswell 7, ★MOWER 9, Beech 7, Sinnott 8, Hart 8, Shakespeare 8, Preece 7, Kearns 6, Buckley 7, O'Kelly 7.

Huddersfield: Cox 7, Brown 8, Burke 7, Stanton 7, Sutton 7, Hanvey 7, ★LILLIS 9, Laverick 7 (sub. Pugh 7), Russell 7, Wilson 7, Cowling 7.

Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich)

Match Rating: ★★

WIGAN (0) 0

DONCASTER (2) 3 (Snodin, 123, Snodin, G 40, 83)

Att: 4,387

Wigan: Tunks 6, McMahon 6, Glenn 5, Cribble 7, Walsh 6, ★METHVEN 8, Lowe 6 (sub. Houghton 6), Barrow 6, Butler 6, O'Keefe 5, Weston 6.

Doncaster: Peacock 7, ★RUSSELL 8, Snodin, G 7, Snodin, I 7, Humphries 7, Lister 6, Mell 6, Douglas 6 (sub. Liddell), Austin 6, Campbell 5, Robertson 7.

Referee: H. Taylor (Dadby)

Match Rating: ★★

WREXHAM (0) 0

PORTSMOUTH (0) 2 (Biley 60, Rafferty 73)

Att: 3,007

Wrexham: Niedzwiecki 5, King 6, Hill 7, ★SAVAGE 8, Dowman 7, Keay 6, Arkwright 6, Buxton 5, Hunt 6, Steele 5, Baker 5 (sub. Cunningham).

Portsmouth: Knight 7, McLaughlin 7, Sullivan 7, Doyle 7, ★HOWE 8, Aizlewood 7, Webb 7, Tait 7, Rafferty 7, Biley 7, Rogers 7.

Referee: K. Walmsley (Blackpool)

Match Rating: ★★

Division Four

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Stewart 66)

CHESTER (0) 1 (Ludlam 55)

Att: 2,064

Blackpool: Hesford 6, Bardsley 7, Pritchett 6, Deary 7, ★HETZKE 8, Serella 6, Hockaday 6, Richardson 6, Stewart 7, Pashley 6, Downes 5 (sub. Greenall 7).

Chester: Harrington 6, ★BRADLEY 8, Lane 6, Zelem 6, Needham 7, Johnson 6, Sloan 6, Ludlam 7, Simpson 6 (sub. Bulmer 6), Thomas 6, Wilson 6.

Referee: A. Saunders (Newcastle)

Match Rating: ★★

CREWE (3) 3 (Walker 21, Bancroft 26, Waller 40)

BURY (2) 3 (Parker 19, Madden 37, Johnson 80)

Att: 2,642

Crewe: Smith 7, Moore 5 (sub. Evans 6), Bowers 7, Metcalfe 7, ★SCOTT 8, Salathiel 6, Haslegrave 7, Bancroft 6, Waller 7, Walker 7, Cliss 7.



Garth Crooks — scored Spurs' first goal in their 2-1 FA Cup win against West Brom.

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Bury: Brown 6, Gardner 7, Davis 7, Gore 7, Bramhall 7, Halliday 6, Firth 6, Madden 7, Parker 6. **JAKUB 8**, Potts 6 (sub. Johnson 7).

Referee: M. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★

HEREFORD (0) 0
DARLINGTON (0) 0
Att: 2,155

Hereford: Rose 7, Price 7, Bray 6, Hicks 6, Pejic 7. **ROSS 8**, Harvey 7, Cantello 5, Phillips 5, Teasdale 6, Lane 5 (sub. White 6).
Darlington: Cuff 6, Little 5, Wilson 7, Smith 6. **RHODES 8**, Kamara 7, Gilbert 7, McLean 6, Wicks 6, Walsh 6, McFadden 7.
Referee: D. S. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★

HULL (4) 7 (Flounders 7, 68, 78, Askew 8, Mutrie 11, Roberts, G 28, Skipper 70)

STOCKPORT (0) 0
Att: 6,151

Hull: Norman 6, McNeil 8, Askew 7, Roberts, D 6, Skipper 7, Booth 6, Marwood 8, Davies 7, **★FLOUNDERS 9**, Mutrie 7 (sub. Woolf 6), Roberts, G 7.

Stockport: Lloyd 5, Rutter 5, Smith 5, Emerson 4, Sward 6, Bowles 5, Williams 6, Thorpe 6, Wardrobe 7. **★POWER 8**, Coyle 5.
Referee: T. Holbrook (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★

NORTHAMPTON (1) 3 (Syrett 35, 69, Massey 75)

HARLEPOOL (1) 1 (Lowe 44)
Att: 2,181

Northampton: Kendall 7, Tucker 6, Phillips 6, Gage 7, Burrows 7, Coffill 6, Saunders 6, Patching 7, Muir 5 (sub. Buchanan 7), Massey 8. **★SYRETT 9**.
Hartlepool: Blackburn 6, Brown 6, Barker 7, Bird 6, Linighan 7. **★ROBINSON 8**, Lowe 7, Lawrence 5, Linacre 6, Dobson 6, Johnson 6 (sub. Stalker 5).
Referee: E. Scales (Ware)
Match Rating: ★★

PETERBOROUGH (0) 0
ALDERSHOT (0) 0
Att: 2,841

Peterborough: Seaman 6, Winters 5, Collins 5, Gynn 5. **★RODAWAY 8**, Slack 7, Clarke 5, Chard 7, Cooke 5, Benjamin 5, Quow 5.
Aldershot: Johnson 6, Shrub 7, Gillard 5, Wooller 7, Andruszewski 6, Scott 5, McDonald 6, Lucas 5, Sanford 5. **★BANTON 8**, Brodie 7.
Referee: J. Bray (Hinckley)
Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (2) 4 (Armstrong 6, 20, Fox 77, Newton 84)

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Hutchinson 61)
Att: 4,102

Port Vale: Southall 8, Tarrt 6, Bromage 6, Hunter 5, Sproson 6, Cegielski 6. **★FOX 9**, Moss 7, Newton 7, Greenhoff 6 (sub. Ridley 6), Armstrong 7.

Mansfield: Arnold 7, Woodhead 6, Kennedy 5, Matthews 5, Ayre 5, Calderwood 6, Bird 6, **★HUTCHINSON 8**, Dungworth 6, Bell 6 (sub. Gallagher), Nicholson 6.
Referee: R. Guy (Kirkby)
Match Rating: ★★

ROCHDALE v COLCHESTER — Match Postponed

SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
WIMBLEDON (0) 0
Att: 3,846

Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Oates 6, **★POINTON 8**, Boxall 6, Baines 6, Hunter 7, O'Berg 6, Cammack 5, Cowling 5, Parkinson 6, Leman 6.

Wimbledon: Beasant 7, Peters 6, Sparrow 6, **★GALLIERS 8**, Smith 7, Morris 6, Evans 5, Ketteridge 7, Leslie 6, Dibble (sub. Entwistle 6), Hodges 6.
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach)
Match Rating: ★★

TRANMERE (0) 3 (Oliver 49, Kerr 53, Aspinall 88)

YORK (0) 0
Att: 1,802

Tranmere: Endersby 7, Mungall 7, Burgess 6, Oliver 6, Hamilton 6, Williams 7. **★POWELL 8**, Aspinall 6, Kerr 6, Brown 6 (sub. Ferguson), Griffiths 7.

York: Jones 7, Evans 6. **★HAY 8**, Sbragia 6 (sub. Busby), Smith 6, Hood 5, Ford 5, Crosby 5, Walwyn 5, Byrne 6, Pollard 7.
Referee: C. Seal (Carlisle)
Match Rating: ★★

SCOTTISH

Scottish Cup, Third Round

ALLOA (0) 1 (McComb 75)
MORTON (1) 2 (Hutchison 36, McNab 51)
Att: 2,304

AYR (0) 1 (Larnach 82)
ALBION (0) 2 (Livingstone 70, 75)
Att: 3,372

CLYDE (0) 0
MOTHERWELL (0) 0
Att: 3,831

CLYDEBANK (0) 0
CELTIC (1) 3 (McCluskey 20, Nicholas 65, 86)
Att: 9,500

DUMBARTON (0) 0
AIRDRIE (1) 1 (Flood 10)
Att: 957

DUNDEE (1) 2 (Ferguson 35, Sinclair 89)
BRORA (1) 1 (Maxwell 41)
Att: 5,823

DUNFERMLINE (2) 5 (Rodier 5, Jenkins 25, 55, Tait 57, 71)
ELGIN (0) 0
Att: 2,500

EAST FIFE (1) 1 (Thomson 45)
RAITH (0) 0
Att: 5,760

FALKIRK (0) 0
RANGERS (0) 2 (Oliver, og 54, Kennedy 60)
Att: 15,000



(League, Cups, Total)

Division One

Rush (Liverpool)	19	4	23
Latchford (Swansea)	13	4	17
Stein (Luton)	14	1	15
Wark (Ipswich)	11	3	14
Dalglis (Liverpool)	13	1	14
Blissett (Watford)	12	2	14
Wallace (Nott'm Forest)	9	4	13
Walsh (Luton)	10	1	11
Woodcock (Arsenal)	9	2	11
Rowell (Sunderland)	9	2	11
Deehan (Norwich)	10	1	11
Cross (Man City)	10	1	11
Birtles (Nott'm Forest)	7	4	11
Crooks (Spurs)	7	4	11

Division Two

Drinkell (Grimsby)	13	5	18
Lineker (Leicester)	17	0	17
Glavin (Barnsley)	12	5	17
Davies (Fulham)	15	1	16
Garner (Blackburn)	14	1	15
Shoulder (Carlisle)	15	0	15
Davison (Derby)	12	3	15
(12 with Halifax)			
Bannister (Sheff Wed)	13	1	14
Keegan (Newcastle)	14	0	14
Eves (Wolves)	13	1	14
Hamilton (Burnley)	8	6	14

Division Three

Dixon (Reading)	21	0	21
Bell (Lincoln)	18	3	21
Hemmerman (Cardiff)	16	4	20
Campbell (Bradford)	14	5	19
Joseph (Brentford)	17	2	19
Biley (Portsmouth)	15	3	18
Elliott (Preston)	14	4	18
Tynan (Newport)	12	6	18
Randall (Bristol Rovers)	14	2	16
Edwards (Sheff. Utd.)	5	10	15
Morris (Sheff. Utd.)	10	5	15
Roberts (Brentford)	10	5	15

FORFAR (1) 2 (McPhee 20, Lorimer 72)
BERWICK (1) 1 (Romaines 41)
Att: 1,108

HIBERNIAN (0) 1 (Rae 65)
ABERDEEN (2) 4 (Weir 34, Simpson 35, Watson 84, 85)
Att: 14,289

PARTICK (0) 1 (Johnston 86)
KILMARNOCK (0) 1 (Bryson 75)
Att: 4,396

QUEEN'S PARK (1) 4 (Brannigan 20, Robertson 54, Gilmour 85, Crawley 89)
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Erwin 83)
Att: 800

QUEEN OF THE SOUTH (0) 1 (Robertson 47)
HEARTS (0) 1 (Shields 83)
Att: 2,700

ST MIRREN (1) 1 (Somner 58)
DUNDEE UNITED (0) 0
Att: 7,020

Second Division

ARBROATH (0) 2 (Steele 55, Gavine 79)
MEADOWBANK (2) 2 (Hendrie 2, Conroy 10)
Att: 691

EAST STIRLING v COWDENBEATH — Match Postponed

STIRLING (0) 1 (Torrance 66)
STRANRAER (0) 0
Att: 600

Division Four

Massey (Northampton)	14	4	18
Leslie (Wimbledon)	15	2	17
Rideout (Swindon)	14	3	17
Allinson (Colchester)	14	2	16
Rowland (Swindon)	12	4	16
Quinn (Stockport)	15	0	15
Cooper (Torquay)	11	4	15
Madden (Bury)	14	1	15
Walwyn (York)	12	3	15
Bamber (Blackpool)	10	5	15
Thomas (Chester)	13	0	13
Gynn (Peterborough)	9	4	13

SCOTTISH Premier Division

Nicholas (Celtic)	18	15	33
Dodds (Dundee Utd)	13	5	18
McGhee (Aberdeen)	11	4	15
MacDonald (Rangers)	6	8	14
McGarvey (Celtic)	11	3	14
Strachan (Aberdeen)	6	7	13
MacLeod (Celtic)	7	5	12
Ferguson (Dundee)	5	7	12

First Division

Brogan (St Johnstone)	18	10	28
Johnston (Partick)	13	6	19
Pettigrew (Hearts)	8	7	15
O'Connor (Hearts)	11	4	15
Coyne (Clydebank)	12	2	14
Williamson (Clydebank)	11	3	14
Harris (Raith)	12	2	14

Second Division

Campbell (Brechin)	15	3	18
Colquhoun (Stirling)	9	4	13
Alexander (Queen of the Sth.)	10	2	12
Evans (Albion)	7	4	11
Robertson (Queen of the South)	9	2	11

Division One

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	s
Liverpool	25	11	2	0	41	12	6	3	1	9	56		
Man. Utd.	25	9	4	0	24	5	4	3	5	11	46		
Wolver	25	10	2	1	30	7	3	2	7	14	43		
Nott'm For	25	9	2	1	23	6	4	2	7	17	25	43	
Coventry	25	9	3	1	21	7	2	3	7	12	33	39	
West Ham	25	8	1	4	28	15	4	0	8	14	22	37	
Everton	25	7	4	1	25	12	3	2	8	15	20	36	
West Brom	25	7	3	2	25	12	3	3	7	12	23	36	
Aston Villa	25	9	2	2	28	12	2	1	9	7	22	35	
Man. City	25	8	3	1	20	10	2	3	8	14	28	35	
Tottenham	25	8	3	2	31	13	2	2	8	5	22	35	
Ipswich	25	6	1	5	21	15	3	6	4	18	15	34	
Stoke	25	8	3	2	25	16	1	1	9	11	23	34	
Arsenal	25	6	3	3	19	13	3	3	7	12	20	33	
Notts County	25	7	2	4	19	16	2	2	8	13	28	31	
Luton	25	4	5	3	23	18	3	4	6	23	33	30	
Southampton	25	6	3	3	18	13	2	3	8	11	28	30	
Swansea	25	7	2	3	19	11	0	4	9	12	25	27	
Sunderland	25	4	5	3	17	11	2	4	7	11	27	27	
Norwich	25	6	2	5	17	13	1	3	8	9	28	26	
Brighton	25	6	4	3	18	14	0	2	10	5	34	24	
Birmingham	25	4	4	4	15	16	0	7	6	4	19	23	

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	s
Wolves	25	11	0	2	33	10	5	5	2	17	13	53	
Q.P.R.	25	8	2	2	24	10	7	2	4	16	12	49	
Fulham	25	8	3	2	23	15	6	2	4	24	17	47	
Sheff Wed	25	6	5	2	24	16	4	3	5	16	17	38	
Oldham	25	6	4	2	25	19	4	8	3	19	16	37	
Leicester	25	6	1	6	19	11	5	2	5	22	17	36	
Leeds	25	5	5	2	15	10	3	7	3	15	17	36	
Shrewsbury	25	5	4	3	11	9	5	2	6	19	25	36	
Grimsby	25	7	4	2	24	15	3	1	8	11	28	35	
Barnsley	25	5	6	1	23	13	3	4	4	18	18	34	
Blackburn	25	5	5	2	24	15	4	2	7	13	22	34	
Newcastle	25	6	5	2	21	13	2	4	6	17	23	33	
Rotherham	25	5	3	5	14	16	3	5	15	21	32		
Chelsea	25	6	5	1	22	8	2	2	9	10	23	31	
Bolton	25	7	1	4	21	15	1	6	8	9	18	31	
Carlisle	25	7	1	4	29	20	1	5	7	17	28	30	
Crystal P.	25	6	5	2	19	13	1	4	7	18	19	30	
Charlton	25	6	1	5	20	20	2	4	7	17	31	29	
Middlesbrough	25	4	4	4	15	22	2	6	5	13	22	28	
Cambridge	25	7	4	2	20	13	0	2	10	7	27	27	
Burnley	25	5	3	5	22	18	1	1	10	13	29	22	
Derby	25	3	6	4	17	20	0	5	7	10	22	20	

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P	s
Lincoln	25	12	0	1	41	8	5	2	5	14	15	53	
Cardiff	26	10	1	1	24	10	6	3	5	23	24	52	
Portsmouth	26	10	0	2	25	10	5	4	5	17	20	49	
Bristol R.	27	11	2	1	41	10	3	7	3	19	24	51	
Huddersfield	26	9	4	0	35	10	4	3	6	14	20	46	
Oxford	25	6	0	24	13	7	1	5	21	15	38	46	
Newport	25	5	2	25	15	3	2	5	19	18	31	38	
Southend	26	8	0	22	14	7	1	4	20	16	30	46	
Wigan	27	8	0	6	25	19	4	2	7	20	25	38	
Plymouth	25	9	0	30	12	4	2	7	17	28	37		
Brentford	27	9	2	3	37	19	4	1	8	21	32	34	
Gillingham	26	6	3	4	19	15	3	6	4	12	15	36	
Brad City	26	6	5	22	17	2	4	7	14	24	33		
Orient	27	7	2	5	25	25	3	1	9	9	32	33	
Sheff Utd	24	7	3	3	22	13	1	4	6	8	18	31	
Exeter	28	6	3	5	26	24	1	7	6	21	38	31	
Bournemouth	27	5	4	3	18	11	3	3	9	11	35	31	
Wolves	27	5	4	2	10	1	5	8	11	16	22	29	
Doncaster	27	5	7	3	23	25	2	1	10	17	26	29	
Walsall	25	6	3	4	16	15	1	4	7	16	28	38	
Reading	27	6	4	4	24	20	5	5	8	15	33	37	
Chesterfield	26	4	3	6	18	14	2	5	6	10	20	26	
Preston	26	3	7	2	18	13	2	0	12	16	35	22	
Millwall	25	4	6	2	16	14	0	4	9	11	26	32	



Liverpool's Ian Rush — he can emulate the great Jimmy Greaves, says Bob Latchford.

I would like to write to a Liverpool fan between the ages of 14 and 16, who lives on Merseyside and goes to Anfield regularly. My favourite player is Kenny Dalglish.

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BOB Latchford was the last player to hit 30 First Division goals in one season, but here he tells why we could see a new name enter the record books this year . . .

LIVERPOOL hot-shot Ian Rush can become the greatest goalscorer soccer has seen in 20 years.

And that glowing testimony comes from a man who should know — Swansea striker Bob Latchford.

For the past decade, Bob has been one of the First Division's deadliest scorers.

And he says of Anfield's young Welsh international: "He can emulate the great Jimmy Greaves. Even now I would rate him very high among the top scorers of the last ten years."

GOLD RUSH

LATCHFORD RAVES OVER HOT-SHOT IAN



Swansea striker Bob Latchford in action against Forest's Viv Anderson expects Ian Rush to score more than 30 goals this season.

"He is the tops at the moment. The number one. There are other young players around, but they aren't scoring as consistently as 'Rushie'."

"Ian has phenomenal speed off the mark and he gets into tremendous finishing positions. If he can steer clear of injuries and Liverpool progress the way they have over the last twenty years there's no end to what he can achieve."

"I played against him once for Everton reserves and even then you could see he was destined to do a good job. His considerable skills were obvious."

"I'm not with him every day, so I don't know what parts of his game he feels need to be improved. Maybe his heading is one area, but I'm sure Liverpool are working on any weaknesses."

Former Everton striker Bob was the last First Division player to surpass the magical 30 League goals in a season, but he feels that Ian could well exceed it this time round.

Bob scored 30 in the 1977-78 season and he says: "I fancy him to do it even though it's harder to score now that it was a few years ago."

"The technique of defenders has improved which means that strikers have to be that much better to score goals."

"But Ian could get between 30 and 40 League goals in a season. As well as being such a good player he's also got the added advantage of playing for a team like Liverpool."

"If he doesn't do it this time round, he'll top the 30 mark before his career is over. He's only a young lad and has at least ten seasons ahead of him. He could do it time after time."

Bob collected £10,000 from a national newspaper for his 30-goal tally five years ago and he still has vivid memories of his glorious season.

"The money didn't create extra pressure on me because I didn't really consider the prize until the last half dozen games. It was around Easter that it started to grip me."

"I didn't feel I was going to do it during the run-in because I went through a spell where I didn't score for a few matches on the trot."

"I hadn't taken any penalties throughout the season, but during the last few matches my team-mates said I should and my thirtieth came from the spot."

That was on April 29, 1978 in Everton's last match of the season when they thumped Chelsea 6-0 to make sure of runners-up place in the First Division.

Since then the nearest any player has come to reaching that tally was last season when Kevin Keegan, now at Newcastle of course, fell just four short with Southampton. That account was considerably helped by seven penalties.

But Ian is dead on course to reach the 30 mark this season. After 25 League games he had scored 19 times — and that was Bob's tally at the same stage.

Even though Bob says it's harder for strikers in the First Division, he's still hitting the net regularly and following his effort against Notts County in Swansea's 2-0 win he stood just one short of his 200th League goal.

The 32-year-old, who started his career with Birmingham, is currently second in the First Division scoring charts behind Ian.

And Swansea are hoping that his goals can help the Welsh team shoot back up the First Division table after a disappointing start to the season.

LEADING LEAGUE GOALSCORERS

1972-73 Bryan Robson (West Ham)	28
1973-74 Mick Channon (Southampton)	21
1974-75 Malcolm MacDonald (Newcastle)	21
1975-76 Ted MacDougall (Norwich)	23
1976-77 Andy Gray (Aston Villa)	25
1977-78 Bob Latchford (Everton)	30
1978-79 Frank Worthington (Bolton)	24
1979-80 Phil Boyer (Southampton)	23
1980-81 Steve Archibald (Spurs)	20
1981-82 Kevin Keegan (Southampton)	26

'Match' highlights the return to form following two years' of torture, of one-time wonder boy Vince Hilaire.

MY MOMENT OF MADNESS NEARLY WRECKED MY CAREER

A MOMENT of madness cost Vince Hilaire more than a hefty fine and a five-match ban... it started the decline of one of the most promising players in the country.

The talented Crystal Palace forward was on the verge of the soccer big time with a batch of England caps at his mercy.

But it all began to turn sour when Vince was given his marching orders following a clash with a referee in a League game against Spurs over two years ago.

"That was when things started to go wrong for me," says the young, black player, who earned rave notices for his exciting displays for Palace and the England Under-21 side.

"In the heat of the moment I pushed the referee and was sent off. It was a moment of madness and I have lived to regret it."

Vince was charged by the FA for bringing the game into disrepute and, together with a hefty fine, he was given a five-match ban.

Following the lay-off he struggled to recapture his old form in a Palace side heading for relegation and things began to go horribly wrong.

He had two disastrous seasons and never lived up to his early promise, but now he believes he has at last turned the corner and is

once again on the road to success.

"I am disappointed that I never made the most of my England career, but I certainly haven't waved goodbye to the international scene," says Vince, who is once again displaying those electrifying skills which had Palace fans in raptures.

"I'm really enjoying my football at the moment because, for the first time in a long while, I am playing well again."

"I was convinced that I only had to pull on an England shirt and things would happen for me."

"I just want to keep playing as I am — if not better — and get back to international standard. When I think about the days when I played for the Under-21's it makes me more determined to succeed."

"I made a lot of mistakes a few years ago, but now I'm hoping to rectify them."

Vince joined Palace at 14 and his emergence through the schoolboy ranks at Selhurst Park to the top



Vince Hilaire — he has lived to regret his "moment of madness".

flight was fairy tale stuff.

At 16 he played for the England youth side alongside such stars as Aston Villa's Gordon Cowans, West Brom's Derek Statham and Kenny Sansom now of Arsenal.

He made his Under-21 debut in 1980 against Bulgaria and won eight more caps... but there the international story ends.

Vince believes that one of the

things that led to his downfall was his inexperience.

"I began to believe all the things that people were writing about me in the papers and thought I was a better player than I actually was," he says. "I was convinced that I only had to pull on an England shirt and things would happen for me."

Unrest at Crystal Palace only added to Vince's problems.

Shortly after his sending off against Spurs, manager Terry Venables left Selhurst Park and four others came and went in quick succession.

And in the meantime Palace were relegated from the First Division after a miserable 1980/81 season.

"Things just went from bad to worse," recalls Vince. "All four managers had different ideas about how we should play and that didn't help us at all."

"I was young and inexperienced at the time and let the things that happened off the field affect my game. If I had a bad match I would blame other people and outside things instead of myself."

"But now I'm a little older and a little wiser and I'm determined not to let that happen again."

To demonstrate Vince is back to something like his old form he won Match Weekly's Second Division 'Matchman of the Month' award for December.

And he thinks the award may answer one or two of his critics. "I have been criticised in the past for my lack of consistency, but now I'm proving to be a more complete player."

"A lot of credit for my change of fortune must go to manager Alan Mullery who has made me believe in myself again."

"He has instilled a lot of confidence in the players and he's got the whole place buzzing."

Vince is desperate for a return to the First Division to boost his chances of an England recall and says: "I would love to do that with Palace, but if we don't make it I would consider moving on."

"My contract runs out at the end of the season and it will be up to the club whether I stay or not."

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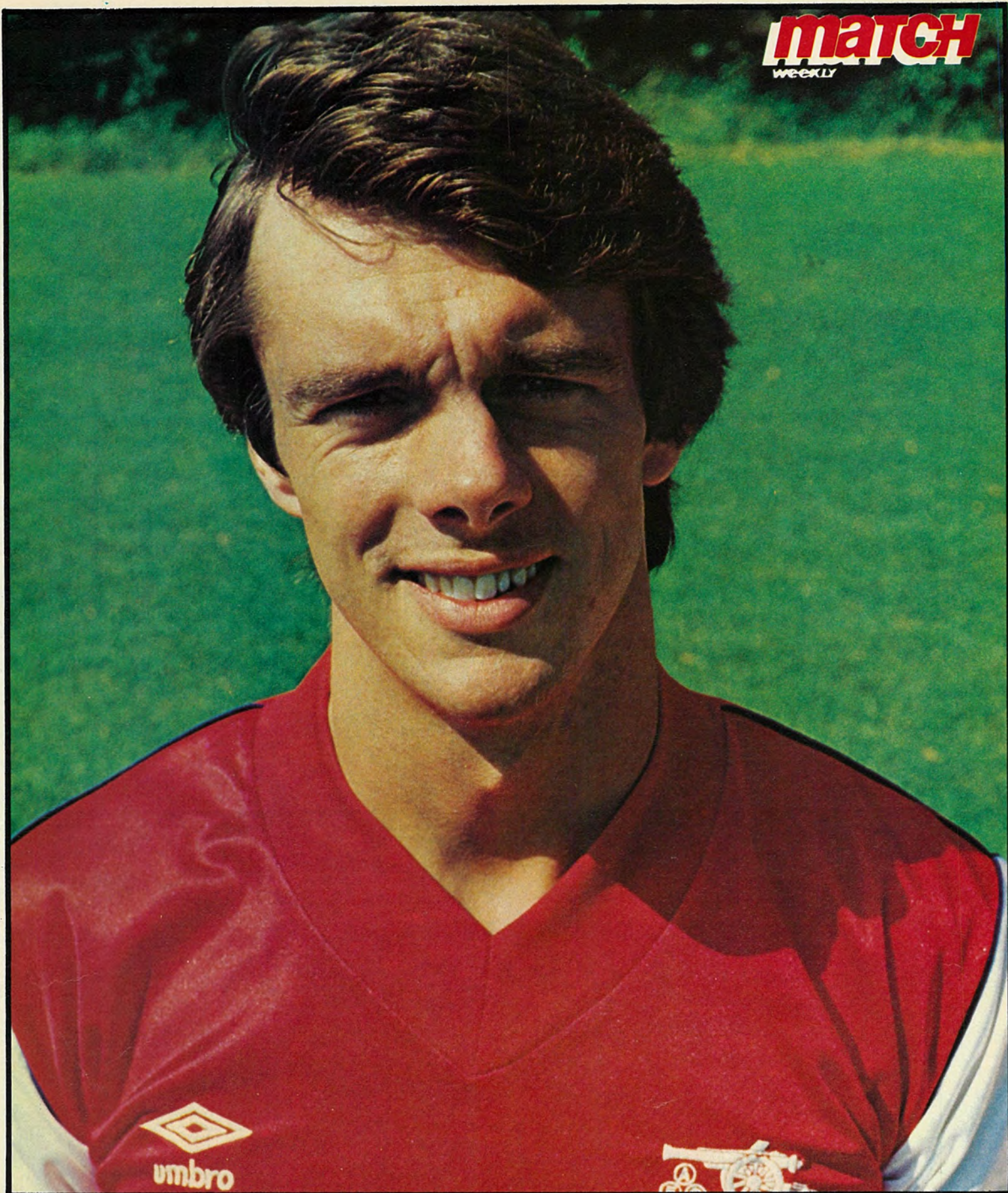
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So get those letters coming in NOW and you could be the envy of your friends.

Write to: Michael Weavers, 'Terrace Talk' Editor, Match Weekly, Stirling House, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DJ.

ENGLAND'S two latest performances — against Greece and Luxembourg — show that Bobby Robson is on the right tracks.

I'll stick my neck out now and say that England will win either the European Championship in France in 1984 or the 1986 World Cup.

Tavrid Ibraheem, Mushin, Nigeria.

YOUNGSTERS need all the experience they can get and matches against overseas teams should be encouraged.

Take the European competitions. When Aston Villa, for example, play a team like Real Madrid, wouldn't it be a good idea to invite their youth team over to play the home team's youths in a pre-match event?

The youngsters would lap up the atmosphere and gain valuable experience against continental players. It would also give the fans a chance to see the stars of the future, both home and foreign.

Thomas Lee, Hebburn, Tyne and Wear.

I'M writing to complain about something Hin-Lun Chan said in 'Terrace Talk' last month.

It made me very angry when he criticised Liverpool. How dare he remind 'Match' readers of Liverpool's rare defeats at the hands of J.K. Helsinki and Norwich. What about the great sequence of success at Anfield this season?

Hin-Lun's prediction for 1983 that Manchester United would overtake Liverpool in the League title race is a joke. There's no way that United will get close to a Liverpool side who turned the year with a ten-point lead.
Angry Liverpool fan, Fairfield, Liverpool.

WELL, the FA has done it again — practically finished off its biggest rival. It is absolutely ridiculous that speedway should be thrown out of Wembley after 54 years.

Showpiece arena for football my foot!

Why can't Wembley be shared by both soccer and speedway? We only want the stadium once every four years for the speedway world final.

So, while you're hogging Wembley, think of us poor speedway fans . . . fobbed off with the White City!
Samantha Warman (15), Lyme Regis, Dorset.

● **TOUGH . . . but who cares where the Americans grind Britain's speedway stars into the cinders?**

SOME of our professional footballers are downright childish.

It amazes me to see grown men, when a throw-in is given against them, pick up the ball, walk away from the touchline and then throw the ball so that it lands nowhere near the opposition player waiting to take the throw.

STAR GALLERY



"Tony Woodcock will put Arsenal in full flight", says Andrew Wai, of Milton Keynes, who has drawn this picture of the England striker.



"Ray Clemence is a reliable goalkeeper who makes important saves for Tottenham and England." That's the view of 15-year-old William Adams, of Bishop's Stortford, who has the Tottenham 'keeper as his subject.

SOUTH American 'Footballer of the Year' Zico is the choice of Matthew Lancaster, of Solihull, "The Brazilian has extraordinary skills and devastating scoring ability," he says.



Tim Cutlan, of St Austell, Cornwall, has drawn Liverpool goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar 'because he is so agile and reacts like lightning.'

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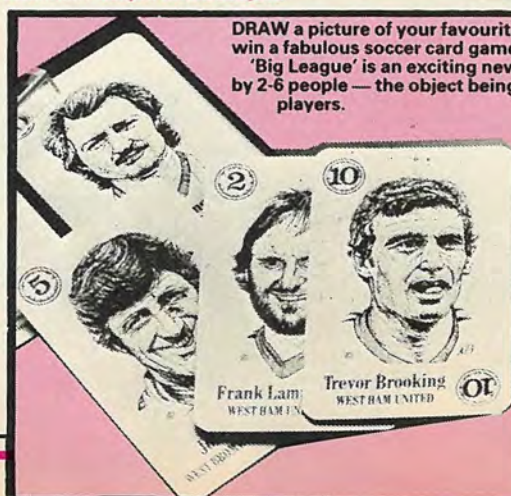
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What is the point in doing this? This stupid manoeuvre just wastes time and causes the crowd to lose patience.
Richard Jolly, Hawarden, Clwyd.

YOUR prize of a badge for letters published in "Terrace Talk" is a very poor reward.

After all, us readers fill the best part of two pages of your magazine with our letters and we deserve a better prize.

Your competition prizes are good. Why can't the letters page offer similar rewards?

Michael MacHale (15), Cabinteely, Eire.

● **STAR letter writers win a tenner and other letters earn an exclusive badge for their writers. I think that's fair.**



Mark Wright — the answer to England's defensive problems.

IF only Bobby Robson were to visit The Dell more often, he would find the player to solve England's defensive problems... Mark Wright.

Despite two good wins in the European Championship qualifiers, we still haven't got the right combination in defence. Remember Karl-Heinz Rummenigge waltzing through the England rearguard at Wembley?

Wright would fit perfectly into the England side, as he did with the 'Saints' when he was signed from Oxford last season.

Very tall, brilliant in the air and surprisingly mobile on the ground, Wright's talents must surely be recognised by Robson very soon.

David Tyrrell, Ewell, Surrey.

I AM disgusted with the attitude of today's professional footballers. I read in a Sunday newspaper that Aston Villa players were upset because their bonus for winning the European Cup was just £2,750 per man.

It annoys me that anybody could say £2,750 for 90 minutes' work was not enough...

Michael James, North London.

● **NOT 90 minutes, but a whole season of successful competition against Europe's best... but I take your point.**



'TIGERS' ROAR AT LAST

HULL City are on the way to promotion at last! And, after supporting the 'Tigers' for the past five seasons, I'm delighted.

Despite the traumas of last season, Hull have emerged as one of the most attractive footballing sides in the lower Divisions. Most of the team have served at least two seasons with the club and it is this which has helped to produce a team with balance and finesse.

The power of Billy Whitehurst, Gareth Roberts and Pete Skipper combine well with the intricate skills of Les Mutrie, Brian Marwood and Steve McClaren.

Tony Norman is one of the best 'keepers in the Fourth Division and it won't be long before the 'Tigers' are roaring up the divisions.

Peter Hoddington, Cottingham, North Humberside.

I WAS lucky enough to get the 'Match Weekly 1983 Special' for Christmas.

After reading it from cover to cover, I must say that the articles were very good and the pictures — especially the World Cup ones — were absolutely first class and of a standard I have yet to see in any other soccer magazine.

All in all, the 'Special' was a fine piece of work and I congratulate everyone involved in this 128-page masterpiece.

David Holmes, Rotherham, South Yorkshire.

WHY won't Spurs boss Keith Burkinshaw drop out-of-form strikers Steve Archibald and Garth Crooks? They just haven't produced the goods up front this season.

I think Keith is frightened to drop his big-money signings down to the reserves. What other reason could there be? There's no question that Terry Gibson and Mark Falco deserve a run in the first team as Tottenham's striking partnership.

Falco possesses great aerial skills and Gibson has the artistry on the ground. Crooks and Archibald should make way for them.

Jonathan Watkins, Hitchin, Herts.



Steve Archibald — not producing the goods says Jonathan Watkins.

GOLDEN GOOF

"I THINK players should settle their family disputes off the field," says Maurice Bolger, of Ballyduff, Ireland, who spotted this Golden Goof...

Williams and Kerr both headed wife and Brown brought a superb save from Burridge.

I WAS outraged to read a letter in 'Terrace Talk' from Anne Taylor of Norwich, complaining that Liverpool players would not sign autographs.

I, too, went to that Norwich v Liverpool match. And, prior to the game, at the Liverpool team's hotel, the Anfield men signed every autograph book offered to them. They also signed six footballs that were to be raffled in aid of the children's ward of a local hospital.

After the game, several Liverpool players did not have time to sign autographs as they were due to travel back to Liverpool by road. But some, Bruce Grobbelaar, Craig Johnston and Alan Kennedy included, leaned out of the back exit of the coach to sign for fans.

It infuriates me when people knock Liverpool. They are obviously jealous of the team's success.

Gwyneth Birch, Norwich, Norfolk.

FOOTBALL in and around Yorkshire is definitely looking up.

Although there are no current First Division clubs in the area, Leeds, Sheffield Wednesday and Barnsley are all in the top ten in Division Two.

With any luck, Yorkshire could have two First Division sides next season.

Mark Woodmass, Scunthorpe, South Humberside.

● **YORKSHIRE fans were making similar comments this time last season, but how many of their Division Two promotion candidates actually made it... none!**

IN a recent 'Match' feature, you asked the question: 'Would you pick Glenn Hoddle if you were England manager?'

Alan Mullery was the only person to say he would not pick Hoddle — and I agreed with everything he said.

Trevor Brooking, Tony Currie and Gerry Francis were in favour of picking Hoddle, and made good comments, but Steve Perryman went over the top!

Suggesting Hoddle should be an automatic choice for England and the side built round him is ridiculous. John Bond also seems to be a Hoddle fanatic.

In my view, Hoddle's recent displays for Tottenham have not been up to standard.

Michael Hands, Burton, Staffordshire.



Terry McDermott — outstanding.

IT really upset me to see Newcastle United knocked out of the FA Cup in their Third Round replay against Brighton.

I watched the TV highlights and thought Newcastle played with tremendous skill. Kevin Keegan and Terry McDermott were outstanding.

It was a pity that United had two goals disallowed to allow Brighton a 1-0 victory.

Julie Smith, Dukinfield, Cheshire.

I GET really annoyed when I hear people going on about Scottish goalkeepers being rotten. Alan Rough, Jim Leighton and Jim Stewart are every bit as good as Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence.

There are also some very good First Division 'keepers in Scotland, such as Derek Atkins of Queen's Park, John Martin of Airdrieonians, Tom Carson of Dumbarton and Rikki Ferguson of Hamilton.

Most people in England don't even see our 'keepers except on TV highlights, so they should lay off the jibes. I've seen Ray Clemence drop a few clangers in his time...

Andrew Philp, Cardonald, Glasgow.

ARCHIE GEMMILL DERBY COUNTY GOLDEN GOAL!



DERBY COUNTY 2 NOTT'M FOREST 0, FA Cup Third Round, Baseball Ground, Saturday, January 8, 1983.

ALL the talk before this intriguing Cup-tie was of the head-on collision between one-time partners and now opposing managers, Peter Taylor of Derby and Brian Clough of Forest.

But after 90 minutes of hectic football on a boggy Baseball Ground pitch, it was Derby veteran Archie Gemmill who stole

the limelight.

It was his inspired performance against his old club — capped by a brilliant free-kick goal — which helped the struggling Second Division side to an historic victory over their local rivals.

The goal naturally gave the midfield dynamo a great deal of pleasure, and it's

one he remembers vividly. "We got a free kick on the edge of the Forest box and Dave Swindlehurst was going to take it," he recalls.

"But I noticed the keeper was out of position so I told Dave to leave it, and I hit a left foot shot which flew into the net."



Archie (no. 4) curls the ball round the Forest wall for the first of Derby's two goals and (above) his team-mates join in the celebration. Above left: the expressions tell the story — a contented Peter Taylor and a bemused Brian Clough.



OUR Milk Cup Semi-Final rivals Manchester United may be a street away in the First Division stakes, but with the sweet aroma of Wembley in the air, Arsenal are capable of bridging the form gap.

On the evidence of recent League matches, and the way they destroyed Nottingham Forest in the Quarter-Finals, United deserve to carry the mantle of favourites to reach the Final for the first time.

They have struck a consistent chord, especially in front of goal, and their quality and class is shining through, making them the only realistic challengers to Liverpool's title bid.

Conversely, our League form has been up and down like a switchback, leaving our best chance of achieving entry into Europe next season at the doors of Wembley.

And you can sense among the marbled corridors of Highbury that there is a genuine feeling that this could be Arsenal's year for cup glory.

We've struggled to overcome teams like Huddersfield and Sheffield Wednesday on the way to the last four which only adds to the theory that luck plays a vital part in cup success.

It's a proven fact that the best teams don't always win the cups, and we certainly can't be labelled as one of the top dogs this season.

Considering the quality of the players at our disposal, it's frustrating and totally inexplicable to see us wallowing in the bottom half of the table.

We're blowing hot and cold like a demented kettle. One minute we are producing brilliant football, the next we are running around like little boys lost.

With all due respect to Notts County, there is no reason why a side with as much talent as Arsenal should go down feebly at Meadow Lane.

But we did, 1-0, and it must have left our travelling fans bewildered and wondering whether we are simply concentrating all our efforts on reaching Wembley.

We obviously go out with the intention of winning every match, but there must be question marks surrounding our attitude on some occasions.

I know the capabilities of this Arsenal side, however, and on our day we are still capable of overcoming the best in the land. That's why I have this growing confidence that we can conquer United.

We are constantly being reminded by Terry Neill and Don Howe that we are just 180 minutes from Wembley, and new signing Vladimir Petrovic is so excited at the prospect that he's like a dog with two tails.

The clash with United has all the makings of a classic confrontation. Both sides have a healthy respect for the other's ability, and the atmosphere in

The GRAHAM RIX Column

The Arsenal midfield supremo tells why he believes the 'Gunners' are set for their fourth Wembley appearance in five years.



WE'RE ON THE MILKY WAY TO WEMBLEY

both legs will crackle with tension.

I only hope that for the sake of the spectators, the players, particularly those experiencing a Semi-Final for the first time, don't allow the pressure to cloud their ability.

It will be a new experience for some of our players including England full-back Kenny Sansom. He may be a seasoned international, but he has never tasted the excitement of a Semi-Final.

Achieving victory in the Semi-Finals can be almost as exciting as walking down that tunnel on Cup Final day.

And when you have been involved in a Wembley occasion like that, you want it again and again.

I was lucky enough to go there in three successive Finals

and it's true what Don Howe keeps reminding the players:

"It's the greatest day in a footballer's career."

A losers' dressing room after a Semi-Final can be the loneliest place in the world.

I have only experienced Semi-Final defeat once and that was in my first against Liverpool in the 1977 League Cup when we lost 2-1 on aggregate.

I was probably too green and inexperienced at the time to take in all the disappointment, but if we went down to Manchester United this time, the setback would hit me a lot harder.

I have always maintained that over two legs Arsenal are a match for anyone. We have always been renowned for being able to defend an

advantage, although this season we haven't shown the same kind of security in defence.

But, if we can take a one-goal advantage to Old Trafford for the second leg, then I would be more than satisfied.

We are capable of winning at Old Trafford, just as United are in the mood to win at Highbury next week.

We are comforted by the fact that we achieved a goalless draw in the League at Old Trafford earlier this season and, on the day, I think even the most ardent United fan would have admitted that we were unlucky not to win.

United were not in the same menacing mood they are now, but, nevertheless, it all helps the confidence.

Apart from wanting to get back to Wembley after a three-year absence, I am also looking for a couple of impressive performances to boost my chances of staying in the England squad for the match with Wales at the end of the month.

The eyes of the whole country will be on the two Semi-Finals and it provides the ideal stage for any individual player to lay claim for international recognition.

I haven't thought too much about the other Semi-Final, although obviously I would sooner face Burnley in the Final than Liverpool.

The Second Division side did superbly to win 4-1 at Tottenham in the Quarter-Finals, but I doubt whether they can produce that kind of result against Liverpool.

In their present form, Liverpool are just as likely to win 4-0 at Turf Moor as they are at Anfield.

Graham Rix

● Graham Rix was talking to Melvyn Beck.

MARCO DEFENDS IMPORTS

ITALIAN hard man Marco Tardelli has leapt to the defence of fellow Juventus stars, Michel Platini and Zbigniew Boniek, who have both come under fire following their big-money signings.

Both the talented Frenchman and the Pole have been heavily criticised for failing to reproduce

the World Cup form which persuaded Juventus to part with over a million pounds.

But Tardelli has hit out at the critics saying: "Lay off and give them a chance. Like all the Italians who played in the World Cup, Boniek and Platini are now

paying for it.

"Liam Brady needed more than ten games to get it together for his new club Sampdoria... and he's been in Italy for two years and didn't play in the World Cup Finals. So it's best just to leave off and give them a bit of time."

OSSIE FACES CHOP



Spurs' Ossi Ardiles — his international career seems to be over.

ARGENTINA'S new national coach Carlos Bilardo has threatened a mass clear-out as he rebuilds for the 1986 World Cup Finals. And if his threat is carried out, it will mean that Tottenham star Ossi Ardiles has played his last game for his country.

■ **DINO ZOFF'S** recent appearance for Italy against Rumania lifted his tally of international appearances to 109, which is one more than the number made by former England skipper Bobby Moore.

■ **FRENCH** sweeper Marius Tresor has decided to spend most of the £50,000 bonus he received for France's wonderful run in the World Cup last year on land on his native island of Guadeloupe.

■ **FORMER** Brazil star Pele is to marry a 19-year-old fashion model. Her name is Xuxu and she will become 42-year-old Pele's second wife.

St. Etienne boss is sacked

TOP French side St. Etienne have sacked their manager, Robert Herbin, who led the club to four League titles and three cup wins in 11 years.

Herbin's departure came about because it is claimed, he failed to make personal sacrifices for the club which is in deep financial trouble.

In recent years, the club has become famous for the lavishness of its hospitality to visiting clubs, particularly in European competitions.

St Etienne chairman Paul Bressy says: "Herbin has refused to make sacrifices and has put his personal interests before those of the club, which is wrestling with major financial difficulties."

The sacking of Herbin has been on the cards for some time. The temporary chairman of the club — and St. Etienne town mayor — Joseph Sanguedolce made it clear before the dismissal that he did not like Herbin.

He declared publicly: "We are getting bad results and we cannot afford the 30,000 francs we are paying Herbin unless we get better."

"The public want him out and we will do just that."

Also facing the chop is Valencia striker Mario Kempes — goalscoring hero of the victorious Argentina side in the 1978 Finals.

Says Bilardo, formerly chief coach at Estudiantes: "Only Fillol, Passarella and Maradona will stay in my group. I have no intentions of selecting players solely on reputation. Argentina must make a new start with the 1986 World Cup in mind."

Bilardo succeeds the man who took Argentina to World Cup glory — Cesar Menotti. And Menotti himself is now in line for the manager's job at top Spanish club, Barcelona.

The chain-smoking boss has been secretly negotiating with Barcelona officials to secure a lucrative contract.

And in an effort to keep those talks out of the press, he waited more than a month before reporting the theft of 9,200 dollars to the Madrid police!

The theft took place in his private hotel room before Christmas when he was in Spain to finalise the deal.

Meanwhile former European Cup giants Real Madrid are finding it more and more difficult to maintain their image as Spain's top club.

In spite of leading the League, they are finding it tough to keep the media and the fans on their side.

And the latest people to fall out with new Real manager, Alfredo di Stefano are the Spanish television. This happened because di Stefano told cameramen to come to him at the stadium because he was not going to "waste time" going into the studios.

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READING goal king Kerry Dixon fears injury may have shattered his hopes of playing First Division football next season.

The Third Division sharpshooter, who has already notched up 21 League goals, had his sights firmly set on top flight action next term.

And with several of the country's top clubs showing interest it seemed as though the £250,000 rated striker would soon be on his way from Elm Park.

But now a pelvic injury, which threatens to keep him out of the game for the rest of the season, has dealt a body blow to his chances of an early rise to stardom.

"It's an awful setback for me," says the disappointed striker. "No club is going to pay the money Reading are asking while I'm out of the game."

Ironically, Kerry could have been with First Division Spurs now had he accepted the chance to sign apprenticeship forms with the London club five years ago. But he explains:

"I was only in my second year as an engineering apprentice and realised if I took up football and didn't make the grade I would have nothing to fall back on."

"I thought it was too dicey to give that up to join Spurs."

Despite rejecting Spurs' offer, the management thought enough of the free-scoring youngster to ask him to stay on as a part-timer to play in their youth team.

There he was surrounded by players now establishing themselves in the first team — including Garry Brooke, Mike Hazard and Terry Gibson.

"But I was released when I became too old for the youth team," says Kerry. "They said they had too many forwards on their books and that they couldn't guarantee me a game."

GOAL ACE DIXON REVEALS 'WHY I TURNED DOWN SPURS'



Kerry Dixon — thought it was too dicey to pack in his engineering job and join Spurs. Now he would jump at the chance.

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

After leaving White Hart Lane, Kerry joined Dunstable Town and finished as the Southern League's leading scorer with a staggering 52 goals.

It was that sort of marksmanship which persuaded Reading manager Maurice Evans to part with a precious £20,000 . . . and it's turned out to be money well spent.

Kerry scored 25 League goals in his first two seasons at Reading, and this year he has been averaging virtually a goal a game.

But the pelvic injury, sustained in a League game against Exeter in December, has temporarily halted his rise to fame.

Twenty-one-year-old Kerry has been out of action since the beginning of January and is currently under doctors orders to rest.

He hopes that following the lay-off he will be able to start training — but secretly fears he could be out for longer.

"I have got to see the specialist again and if things are no better it could be another month before I can make a comeback."

"And if there is no improvement after that I may well have to have an operation which will keep me out for the rest of the season."

"Naturally, all I want to do is get back as soon as possible, start scoring goals and recreate the interest clubs have been showing in me," says Kerry.

"It's very frustrating for me because I had hoped to start next season in Division One, but now that seems unlikely."

"I would love to go back to Spurs — that would be the ideal move — but I would go anywhere to play First Division football."

Kerry believes the £250,000 price tag Reading have placed on him could frighten prospective buyers away however — even when he's back to full fitness.

"There aren't many clubs prepared to spend that sort of money," he says. "I just hope someone will take a chance on me sometime."

Certainly his manager believes a fully-fit Kerry is worth that chance . . .

Enthuses Reading boss Maurice Evans: "He's tremendously quick, good in the air and he has a great build for a striker."

"Quite honestly it would be crazy not to take a gamble on him in the First Division because he'll carry on scoring."

Spotlight on Third Division high-fliers

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CHILDREN: None.
CAR: Renault 9 TSE.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Manchester United.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
CLUB NICKNAME: I've had too many to mention at Brighton.
WORST EVER INJURY: Ankle injuries last season.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kenny Dalglish — he has everything.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Manchester United.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Zico for his all-round skill and goalscoring ability.
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BEST GOAL SCORED: One from a free kick in the 2-2 home draw with West Brom last season.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Graeme Sharp's for Everton in their 1-1 home draw with Tottenham last season.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: They are all difficult.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Scoring a hat-trick for Manchester United in a 4-1 home defeat of Tottenham in April, 1980.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: My two hat-tricks for Manchester United, against Tottenham and Leeds.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Not playing in Manchester United's 1979 F.A. Cup Final against Arsenal.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf, tennis and snooker.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Winning, listening to records and driving.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Long coach journeys and bad referees.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Minder.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Question Time.
FAVOURITE READING: Thrillers.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: David Bowie.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fish and steak.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager and milk.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Bermuda.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Dudley Moore and Pamela Stephenson.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: American Werewolf in London.
BEST FRIEND: I have many.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Frank Blunstone.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Bad officials.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Dover sole.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Schools, youth and under 21 caps.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To play for England.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play well and be successful.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: No idea.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Brighton youngster Gary Howlett.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: David Bowie.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Listen and work hard.



Terry McCann (Dennis Waterman) and Arthur Daley (George Cole) in a scene from Andy's favourite TV show, 'Minder'.